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BRAZIL.

Ravages of the Yellow Fever—The Universal Topic—The Coast Navigation Company and its Accusers.

From Our Own Correspondent.

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, Monday, Feb. 24, 1873.

The yellow fever, which is now sweeping off here forty and fifty victims a day, and which has also made its appearance in the northern ports of the coast, Bahia and Pernambuco, has, apart from Government action, excited an unusual amount of private sympathy. Foremost among the nationalities, the citizens of which have exerted themselves, is, of course, the Portuguese element. This abounds here. I have been assured that the Portuguese population in Rio alone cannot be less numerous than 80,000 souls, and certainly they are almost the only immigrants who have thus far been content with their lot in the Empire. The Portuguese, continually arriving from Madeira and the Azores, as well as the mother-country, have been chiefly exempt to the epidemic thus far, and so it is that nearly all the deaths that have occurred have been among that nationality. The various Portuguese societies established here in aid of their countrymen have labored unceasingly establishing extra hospitals; soliciting subscriptions and whatever articles could be of service in the hospitals; counseling the public through the journals as to the best methods of avoiding the fever, and in many ways giving invaluable help to the people. A cursory glance at the *Journal of Commerce*, the chief newspaper in Brazil, which appears here every morning, conveys a just idea of the state of affairs. Glancing down its columns I find something about the yellow fever everywhere. In one column, an article headed "The Central Portuguese Commission and Contributions," gives a list of subscriptions by streets and localities; the "Sanitary Condition," in the bi-monthly report of the Board of Health; the "Obituary List," has the deaths for the previous day or two; "The Yellow Fever and its Treatment," is a warm recommendation by a certain doctor of the homeopathic method. Another article headed "Avoid the Divine wrath lest even greater punishment be in reserve," entreats that his Excellency the Bishop, "as vicar of Christ here in this vale of tears," will employ his good offices to secure a postponement, if not an entire abandonment, of the usual carnival fêtes during this desolating period." This is aimed by "one who has the dearest person of his family suffering from the yellow fever and from terrible pains in the head." Another article headed "A Philanthropic Act;" another, again to an appeal of the "French Benevolent Society" to the public for subscriptions, and so on almost *ad infinitum*.

THE CARNIVAL.

The *Republica* strongly urged, a few days since, that the Government should postpone the carnival celebration on account of the present sanitary condition of the Capital, but that enterprising journal has only been laughed at for its pains. The people will have their three days of carouse, if they have to die for it afterward; and so the hundreds of advertisements still appear of trades-people who have carnival goods for sale or for hire, and the grotesque suits of red and tinsel, and the masques, now to be worn again for the hundredth time, are once more in the shop doors and windows of nearly every prominent street of Rio. The large theatres at Campo Santanna and Constitution-square have been made ready for the masquerade balls which will take place on each night of the celebration, and the *Delegados of Police* are announced as having already made the customary visit to these establishments "to verify the conditions of strength and firmness." What, then, if the pest be among us! Is not the flooring safe?

BRAZILIAN COAST NAVIGATION COMPANY.

The hubbub about the Brazilian Coast Navigation Company still goes on, and if the New-York directors had in view to obtain Brazilian notoriety, they could not have adopted a more expeditious or effective method of attaining their end. Their names are in everybody's mouth, and not always coupled with the highest complimentary either. From all that I can learn, the following is the gist of what is alleged by the Rio stockholders: In June, 1870, a former contract having expired, Messrs. Garrison, Allen, and others in New-York, through their agent here, Mr. Carrere, were awarded, after public competition, the contract for the mail service, with a subsidy therefor of twenty-six contos of reis ($13,000) for each round trip. A company was then formed by these gentlemen, and persons were invited to subscribe one half (10,000 shares) the capital stock in Brazil. After repeated delays in putting on the steamers, resulting in fines, and even in a rescinding of the contract at one time by the Brazilian Government, the new steamers began to make their trips. Soon they were discovered to be much inferior to what had been specified in the contract, and accidents after accidents happened to them, till finally they all broke down completely. Before this happened, however, the stockholders had become very much dissatisfied with the management of affairs, and began to clamor for the accounts of the company. The curious statement from New-York, in response to this demand, was the signal for a general outcry, and from that moment the stock began to fall, till it sank out of sight. It was declared that the directors had not paid up any of their shares in New-York, where the certificates were issued; and that having issued 10,000 shares to themselves, without having paid for them, they sent them here and sold them, in violation of agreement; so that at present nearly all the shares are held here as par, ($100,) or at 6112; that an account has been presented in which the three steamers, all broken down, and the concession (which they received from the Brazilian Government as private individuals and turned over to themselves as directors) are lumped into one item and put down at 3,900 contos of reis, (or about $1,950,000,) which is very nearly the entire capital of the company, ($2,000,000;) that the shares which have been subscribed and paid for here, (some 7,000 in all,) amounting to $700,000, together with all subsidies received from the Brazilian Government for voyages made, are represented by two old steamers, bought to put on the line temporarily till the new steamers were forthcoming, and an indebtedness of the company still outstanding; and that, finally, instead of accounting for $2,000,000, the directors themselves have received that amount, and now offer in exchange five steamers, two of which are old and three new, but broken down, costing in all some $700,000 only, the amount of share money first subscribed here. It is averred they have withheld, in fact, something more than $1,250,000, the proceeds of their unpaid shares sold here; and declared that sum to be the price of the subsidy on a contract really made by themselves to themselves. Such I find, upon careful investigation, to be the substance of what is claimed by the shareholders here. I think it is safe to say that had it been supposed in the beginning that $1,000,000 was to be charged for the concession, the stock would not have found a single purchaser in this market. Whether bad faith has or has not been shown by the directors in this business, it is not for me to say, but such is the serious charge made here on every hand; and I may add that the few Americans employed in commerce here, whether owning shares or not, (and there are several who are holders) do not appear to entertain a different opinion, or at least do not seem disposed to enter very warmly into any defense of their countrymen in this matter.

THE DOWAGER EMPRESS.

On the 18th inst. news was received here of the death, at Lisbon, of Donna Amelia, former Empress of Brazil, and the step-mother of Dom Pedro II. As she had been an invalid for a long time, the intelligence of her decease was not unexpected. But what did surprise the Brazilians very much was to learn that their Emperor had not been made heir to her immense fortune. The small legacy of $30,000, which is, I think the amount left the Emperor, has greatly excited the ire of some of the newspapers, and one of them makes a calculation showing that for forty-two years Her Majesty has received the allowance of 50 contos of reis from Brazil per annum, which, put at interest, would yield the handsome little sum of $4,500,000; and yet in her will she returns to Brazil through the person of her step-son the insignificant amount of 60 contos of reis. The *Republica*, which is always ready to make a fling at the divine right of kings and the monarchical system generally, gloats over this incident, and seems to take pleasure in referring to it, as it always does to anything which is likely to disparage the present form of government. TIRADENTES.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Deplorable Condition of the Spanish Finances—The Levy of Troops.

MADRID, March 29.—Señor Tetuan, Minister of Finance, at a Cabinet council yesterday, stated that the finances of the country were in a deplorable condition, and warned his colleagues that the Republic could not remain master of the situation unless radical changes were made in the fiscal administration.

The levy of troops en masse in Catalonia and the adjoining provinces, to fight the Carlists, has so far proved a failure. A deputation from Barcelona demands its postponement, and insists on the delivery of the 15,000 rifles which the Government promised the people of that city.

A Bill Exiling the Bonaparte Family Adopted by the French Assembly.

PARIS, March 29.—In the Assembly to-day there was an excited debate over Prince Napoleon's petition praying for the restoration of his rights as a citizen, and remonstrating against his illegal expulsion from France.

Minister Dufaure, on the part of the Government, refused to accept the Special Committee's report on the subject, which was conservative in character, and, by implication, censured the Government. He argued that the Bonaparte Princes rejected the decree which deposed their dynasty, therefore, it was impossible to treat them as mere citizens. He spoke in terms of scathing contempt of the coup d'état on which the power of the late Emperor was founded.

M. Depeyre, on behalf of the committee, repudiated any intention of censuring the Government, and defended the report.

Minister Dufaure, to remove all doubt as to the opinion of the Chamber, then submitted a bill exiling the Bonaparte family, and moved the simple order of the day, which, after prolonged excitement, was adopted by a vote of 347 to 321.

The German Official Organ on President Grant's Inaugural Address.

BERLIN, March 29.—The *North German Gazette* (official), in its issue to-day, makes a retraction of the article it published some time since ridiculing the address of President Grant delivered on the occasion of his second inauguration. The *Gazette* says the full text of the address, which has now been received from the United States, differs in many respects from the telegraphic summary published in the German papers on the day after its delivery; and for that reason the journal is led to considerably modify the view it first took of the document.

The Death Sentence Pronounced on Felix Pyat.

PARIS, March 29.—A court martial sitting at Versailles has sentenced M. Felix Pyat to death *in contumaciam*.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRES.

The Old Town-House at Hopkinton, N. H., Destroyed.

CONCORD, N. H., March 29.—The old Town-house at Hopkinton was destroyed by fire this morning. It was a court-house when Hillsborough and Merrimack Counties were one, and has lately been occupied on the first floor as the Town-house, and above as an academy. Loss about $8,000; no insurance. The grocery-store of Nathaniel Batcheldor, at North Hampton, was destroyed by fire last evening. Loss $2,500; insurance $1,400.

PORTLAND, Me., March 29.—The Willis House, at Bethel, was burned on Thursday night last. Loss, $5,000; no insurance.

Destruction of Dualin Works at North Quincy, Mass.

BOSTON, March 29.—The dry-house, chemical works, and laboratory of Dittman's Dualin Works, in North Quincy, were destroyed by fire Wednesday night. Loss, $17,000. There were in process of manufacture some 10,000 pounds of dualin, which was all consumed without explosion, as the combustible material was not confined. This fact shows pretty conclusively that dualin is not a dangerous article to handle, as some suppose.

Some Results of the Great Fire at Boston.

BOSTON, Mass., March 29.—The *Advertiser* prints a table showing that permits have already been issued for 168 buildings in the burned district since the great fire, and as soon as the building acts are amended, this number will be doubled. Already, says the *Advertiser*, we are profiting by the good arising from the terrible scourge, and a priceless benefit it will be in return for so great a cost. Boston will be greater, better, richer, and wiser for it. Our commerce was never so good as it is to-day, and has never shown so great an increase as in the week just passed. We are reaching out our strong arms on every side, enlarging our borders, improving our streets, revising our laws, enriching our city, and bettering our people.

A Large Furniture Factory in Louisville Burned.

LOUISVILLE, March 29.—Erich's furniture factory, on Preston-street, was burned down at 5 o'clock this morning. The building was a four-story, brick, and contained furniture just made for the City Hall and a quantity of other stock. The total loss is estimated at $50,000; insured for $24,000, in the Royal and Ætna for $5,000 each, in the Queen for $3,000, in the Home for $2,000, in the German, of Louisville, for $2,000, and in the German Security, of Louisville, for $3,000.

MARINE DISASTERS.

A New-York Schooner on Fire at Newport, R. I.

Special Dispatch to The New-York Times.

NEWPORT, R. I., March 29.—The schooner Defiance, from Rockland, for New-York, put into this port this afternoon leaking, and with her cargo of lime on fire.

A Scotch Bark Wrecked at Plumb Point, Jamaica.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, March 16.—A bark, believed to be from Glasgow, in ballast, is ashore off Plumb Point Light-house, and is fast going to pieces. Her name has not been ascertained.

Of Interest to Owners of Pacific Mail Stock.

From Our Own Correspondent.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Saturday, March 29, 1873.

The Howe Sewing-machine Company, of this City, through their agent, Levi S. Stockwell, executed on the 25th inst. a mortgage to the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company of New-York, covering all the land, manufactories, machinery, engines, and boilers owned by the Company in Bridgeport; together with all its patent rights and royalties, and a block of twenty dwelling houses. The mortgage has been recorded in the town clerk's office here, and was given as security for the payment of $1,140,000, due from Alden B. Stockwell, President of the Howe Company, to the Pacific Mail Company. This sum is payable in twelve monthly installments, (the first eleven of $100,000 each, and the twelfth of $40,000,) commencing April 1, 1873, and ending April, 1874.

Appended to the deed is a certificate of approval and notification from all the principal stockholders of the Howe Company. A portion of the property mortgaged is, however, subject to the right of dower of the widow of the late Elias Howe, Jr.

An instrument of similar tenor, dated March 1, 1873, having contained certain informalities, the one above described was executed in its stead.

FAILURE OF SCRANTON & CO.

The Sheriff in Possession of the Office—The Cause of Suspension—The Losses.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

HARTFORD, Conn., March 29.—The affairs of E. S. Scranton & Co., the suspended banking firm in New-Haven, were to-day put into the hands of the Sheriff, on the attachment of Scranton, Scovill & Co., of New-York, for $10,000; therefore the statement of the affairs of the firm, which was promised to-day, was not made. Scranton & Co. was the most popular private banking firm in New-Haven, and enjoyed the entire confidence of the community. They paid four, five and six per cent on deposits, and advertising liberally, gained an extensive business—some $600,000 a year. They were patronized chiefly by small tradesmen, country store-keepers, clergymen, benevolent associations, and working men. The assessors' books showed that they began business in 1869 on a capital of $15,000, which, in 1870, was increased to $25,000, in 1871 to $55,000, and in 1872 was $90,000; and yet with these meagre resources, they had secured at the time of their failure deposits of nearly $600,000. They had sent circulars inviting deposits to farmers and business men within a radius of forty miles. They had elegant quarters in the Palladium building, and had provided a cold indemnitor for the use of customers. Latterly they engaged in considerable stock speculation, and most New-Haven stock operators made it their head-quarters. C. S. Bushnell, of Credit Mobilier notoriety, had intimate relations with the firm. So much stock business was done there that the office was called the Wall-street of New-Haven. Mr. Bushnell's dealings with the firm had alarmed many of the country depositors, and they came early in the week in large numbers and withdrew their deposits. On Tuesday night the news that the firm were embarrassed by the depreciation of stocks by the Boston fire and by subsequent losses in stock speculation, spread rapidly, and on Wednesday there was a large crowd of depositors on hand to secure their money. It is stated on good authority that several deposits were received on Wednesday morning, when the firm were aware that suspension was absolutely necessary. That day, it is also said, personal friends of the firm were given the hint in time to save themselves. At noon on Wednesday the doors were closed, and a statement promised as soon as possible. It is believed in banking circles that if any respectable showing were possible, it might have been made in forty-eight hours at the utmost. This morning a card from the firm promised a statement this afternoon or on Monday, but at noon, as before stated, the Sheriff took possession. The suspension is almost the sole topic of conversation in the Elm City, and the opinion is fast gaining ground that the firm is guilty of unfair dealing. Among the depositors are those of two prominent clergymen, of $2,000 and $3,000, respectively, the Mayor, several city officials, Yale College professors, funds of town treasurers, and of at least four missionary or benevolent associations. S. H. and E. H. Scranton, father and son, the former the late President of the Shore line Railroad, own two-thirds of the *Palladium*, which, it is thought, will have to be sold to meet the creditors' demands. New-Haven papers, the *Union* excepted, have published only meagre accounts of the suspension, and one editor, whose paper encouraged people to believe that the bank would pay in full, refused himself, though a wealthy man, to purchase deposit certificates at twenty-five per cent. The papers seem to have much more sympathy for Scranton & Co. than for the unfortunate depositors.

MURDERS AND ACCIDENTS.

A Virginia Drover Assassinated and Robbed in Washington.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—A young man named Frank Hahn was murdered in a shocking manner last night, in this city, his skull having been crushed with a billy, which instrument was broken by the blows, and the face was so much disfigured, and so thickly clotted with blood, as to be scarcely recognizable. The deceased was a Virginia drover, and had been in the habit of stopping at a hotel near Centre Market. Yesterday morning he went to Baltimore sold his stock, realizing, it is said, $600 or $800, and returned to Washington by the late train, intending to continue his journey to Alexandria, Va., a ticket for that purpose having been found on his person. The body was discovered on Army-square lot, only a few yards from the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Station. The theory is that the parties who committed the crime, knowing he had money, followed him from Baltimore, and, availing themselves of the opportunity, seized and carried him to the lot, before they beat his brains out and robbed him. This tragedy causes intense excitement throughout the city, and many persons rashly threaten lynch law should the murderers be discovered. It was only yesterday a man was hanged in Alexandria, Va., for murder, but this, it appears, had no terror or restraining effect in Washington.

The police have made one or two arrests of parties on suspicion of having been concerned in the murder of Mr. Hahn, but no names are given, and it is certain that nothing satisfactory to the police-authorities has been developed.

The Cloak Wife Murder.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., March 29.—Charles J. Cloak, who is charged with the murder of his wife, was before the court to-day on a writ of habeas corpus to effect his release on bail, on a plea of insanity. The Court declined to listen to the evidence and remanded the prisoner for trial without bail.

The Execution of Anton Holmes Postponed.

ST. LOUIS, March 29.—Anton Holmes, who was to be hanged next Thursday for the murder of his wife, has had his execution postponed by Judge Premm of the Criminal Court, until Nov. 13, that his case may have a hearing before the Supreme Court.

A Citizen of Denver Supposed to Have Been Poisoned by His Wife.

DENVER, Colorado, March 29.—Wm. Newman, a man of property, residing for several years past in this city, died a few days since under suspicious circumstances. His wife and a half-brother were arrested yesterday, charged with murdering Newman by administering arsenic. The evidence is very strong against them.

Promoting Southern Manufacturing Interests.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 29.—The City Councils last night passed an ordinance exempting cotton, woolen, and iron factories from taxation for the next fifteen years.

Arrested for Alleged Fraud and Released.

BOSTON, March 29.—John and Andrew Scott, arrested on the arrival of the steamer Malta last Monday on a charge of fraud, made by telegraph, from Edinburgh, have been released, the extradition treaty not covering the case.

POSTAL CAR SERVICE.

The Compensation Heretofore Paid the Railroad Companies—Queries Addressed to the Attorney-General.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—There has yet been nothing definitely determined by the Postmaster-General in relation to arrangements of the Government about the postal-car service. The matter will probably be officially determined upon the return to Washington of Superintendent Bangs, of the Postal Service, and whatever the department concludes in the matter will be officially announced on Friday.

In opposition to the statement made in communications published in the Philadelphia papers in behalf of the railroad companies participating in the present war upon the postal service, to the effect that none of the companies who have provided and run railway post-office cars have heretofore received a dollar more of compensation on that account, the Postmaster-General shows in a letter this day addressed to the Attorney-General that in cases in which the utmost limit of compensation fixed by law had not been reached, the department has paid additional rates, ranging from $10 to $25 per mile per annum for cars of this description running once a day in each direction; and that these additional rates have generally been readily and sometimes eagerly accepted by the railroad companies; that some, indeed, have voluntarily offered to provide and run such cars in advance of any application or suggestion on the part of the department, and with full knowledge of the rates paid for similar service when performed at the department's request.

The Post-office Appropriation act, passed at the last session of Congress, allows compensation at rates ranging from $25 to $50 per mile per annum for postal cars running once a day each way, and does away with the restriction whereby, under previous laws, roads receiving the highest rate of pay were prevented from receiving any additional compensation on account of running postal cars. The Postmaster-General in his letter propounds several very important interrogatories. Referring to the companies who threaten to withdraw the postal cars on the 1st of April, he says: The roads they control centreing at New-York—the great commercial emporium of the country—the point from and to which the largest proportion of the mail communications of the country radiates and converges—the execution of their threat would entail consequences so serious that I feel constrained to inquire whether the Government in its management of the immense postal interests of the citizens in whose behalf it acts can be thus at the mercy of corporations or parties like those by whom this menace is offered; or, whether under the laws declaring all railroads post-roads, and making it the duty of the Postmaster-General to provide for the carriage of the mail on all post-roads, or under any other law or laws, the Government possess sufficient power, or can have recourse to suitable means, to protect the important interests intrusted to its custody and thus imperilled. Will you, therefore, be pleased at the earliest moment practicable to communicate to me your opinion upon the points hereinafter named, to wit:

First—If railroad companies refuse to carry over their roads the mails of the United States, and agents in charge thereof, for the compensation prescribed by law, has the Government, as represented by the Post-office Department, the right, and is it its duty to convey mails and agents in cars of its own over said roads?

Second—If railroad companies offer to carry mails as mere freight or baggage, and refuse to provide suitable postal cars, and to transport such agents or clerks as may be necessary to take charge of and distribute said mails, thereby endangering the safety and retarding the distribution and delivery thereof, is it the right and duty of the Government to provide and run upon such roads suitable cars for the due distribution and delivery of said mails?

Third—Is it not within the exclusive power of the department to interpret and enforce the law so far as to determine what is right and proper in the way of accommodations and safeguards for the dispatch, transportation, and distribution of the mails, and to require a compliance therewith on the part of railroad companies?

Fourth—Can the department make other or greater compensation to railroad companies than that prescribed in the act of Congress of March 3, 1873?

Fifth—In case the railroad companies or any of them shall refuse to provide and run postal cars on their roads as heretofore for the compensation prescribed by law, advise this department as to the extent and nature of its powers, under existing legislation, to provide against the delays, losses, and inconveniences resulting therefrom.

Sixth—Has Congress power, under the Constitution, to confer upon this department greater authority and control over the railroads of the country in connection with the postal service than that now possessed; and if so, state the extent and scope of the legislative powers in that direction?

The Railroad Presidents on the Situation.

A meeting of the Presidents of the New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, the Connecticut River Railroad Company, the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the New-York and New-Haven Railroad Company, and the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company took place yesterday at the offices of the New-Haven Railroad Company, in Forty-second-street, to take action with regard to the question of postal cars, and the appointment of the Senate Committee to investigate the matter. The proceedings were strictly private, but the result was the adoption of the following communication to be addressed to the Postmaster-General:

NEW-YORK, March 29, 1873.

Hon. J. A. J. Cresswell, Postmaster-General, Washington, D. C.:

SIR: Your telegram of yesterday announcing to the President of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company, that the Senate before adjourning instructed a special committee to sit during the recess to consider and report to the next Congress upon the postal relations of the railroad companies and the Government, has been submitted to us to-day.

Believing as we do that Congress intended to allow the Postmaster-General to make reasonable compensation to the railroad companies for mail service, and being fully assured that you will do so, we put painfully sensible that this intention is not carried out in the new act, it is with great satisfaction that we are advised of this reason favorable action of the Senate, which we confidently expect will lead to a most thorough investigation of facts and an impartial determination of what constitutes a reasonable compensation. We shall immediately petition the Senate Committee to grant to the railroad companies an early hearing, and we respectfully ask that the Postmaster-General, or an authorized agent of his department, will be present thereat, if granted.

But actuated by the same desire to serve the public which has induced us to furnish and run postal cars for many years past, notwithstanding we have been denied any pay whatsoever for the service, we shall, until sufficient time shall have elapsed to ascertain the views of this special committee, continue to run them, and therefore respectfully request that you will consider the notice which we gave you, under date of 27th January last, suspended for the present.

C. VANDERBILT, per W. H. V.,
N. Y. C. and H. R. R. R. Co.
D. L. HARRIS,
President Connecticut River R. R. Co.
C. W. CHAPIN,
President Boston and Albany R. R. Co.
J. EDGAR THOMPSON
President Pennsylvania R. R. Co., per Strickland Kneass, Assistant to the President.
WM. D. BISHOP,
President N. Y., N. H. and H. R. R. Co.
ISAAC HINCKLEY,
President P. W. and B. R. R. Co.

The President of the Erie Railroad Company, who was absent, was expected to be in attendance, and a committee was appointed to request his signature to this communication.

Fall of a Floor—A Boy Killed.

CINCINNATI, March 29.—This afternoon, while workmen were engaged in taking down a house on Fifth-street, near Plum, the second story floor fell down to the first floor. The workmen on the second story escaped unhurt, but a boy named Daniel Spellmen, who was gathering kindling wood on the first floor, was instantly killed. The coroner's jury gave a verdict of accidental death.

THE WEATHER.

Heavy Rain-Fall in this State—Severe Storms in the South.

ALBANY, March 29.—A severe rain-storm has prevailed here all day, and large quantities of water have run from the hills down to the river, washing away the ice and raising the stream considerably.

POUGHKEEPSIE, March 29.—A heavy south-east rain-storm has prevailed along the Hudson to-day. The ice between here and Newburg is broken up along the shore, and a boat is expected through from New-York on Monday. All the streams in the vicinity are rising, but as yet no damage has been done. The wind to-night is strong from the south-west, with showers.

SARATOGA, March 29.—It has commenced raining here, and there is every prospect of a break up, unless the weather grows colder. The snow through all this region, in the Adirondacks, about the source of the Hudson, and along its tributaries lies from two to four feet in depth. If a sudden thaw occurs a heavy freshet is likely to ensue, and it is now so late that a break-up cannot be long deferred.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 29.—The *Sunday Press* has advices from Coxsackie of the giving way of a pond in that vicinity, and the flooding of a village; of a flood on the Mohawk River at Schenectady, and of threatened floods along the Central Railroad. In this vicinity the storm continues and the river is steadily rising.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 30—1 A. M.—The *Sunday Press* gives the following account of the storm: The icy banks of the river, which has been closed since the 15th of December last, are doomed, and ere many hours elapse must give way to an impetuous flood which is now moving upon it. A rain-storm has prevailed almost unceasingly for the past twenty-four hours, at times in perfect torrents, coming down like a tropical shower. At this writing the water in the river is two feet higher than it was on Saturday morning, and it is steadily rising. The rain has been general in this State range. From the West we learn that the storm is quite as heavy as it is here, and serious apprehensions are felt for several bridges along the line of the Central Railroad—one especially at Schenectady. A dispatch from our Coxsackie correspondent dated last evening says that a big pond near there burst its banks, and the streets of the village were overflowed. The occupants of basements on Arch-street were obliged to flee from their homes at midnight, and wild scenes of confusion occurred. Poor families were fleeing about, seeking shelter with their little ones in their arms, from the ruthless rain. The water is over the dock at the foot of John-street. The Mohawk and Hudson Rivers broke way in part after midnight, and immense masses passed over the dam at Troy. The pressure which will follow this movement on the ice in front of the city, with the rapid rise of the water, promises to free the ice here almost any hour. Serious loss must follow this sudden and violent breaking up of the ice in the river. Merchants along the streets in the lower part of the city have gangs of men at work removing goods to places of safety.

CANTON, Miss., March 29.—A hurricane swept through this city last night. A large number of houses were destroyed, and several persons are reported killed. Two loaded railroad cars were lifted from the track, and one of them was badly wrecked.

JACKSON, Miss., March 29.—A terrific gale of wind visited Canton about 9 o'clock last night, completely demolishing a dozen of houses and damaging about thirty others. One colored man was killed, and a lady severely injured. A heavy freight car was blown a distance of twenty feet off the track. The Legislature to-day appointed a committee to visit the scene of the disaster, with a view to affording relief.

LATER.—The track of the hurricane was about one hundred yards wide. Fifty houses were destroyed. The loss is estimated at $100,000. Only one life was lost, a negro woman. Fifteen persons were more or less injured, but none seriously.

RICHMOND, Va., March 29.—A severe South-east gale prevailed here all day, with a heavy rain storm. Several houses were unroofed, and a number of trees and fences blown down.

RICHMOND, Va., March 29.—Special dispatches to the Richmond papers, from nearly all parts of the State, report the storm of to-day as very general in the South. The gale has been accompanied by hail, snow, and rain. All the dispatches mention more or less damage to property. Barns were blown down, dwellings and fences damaged, telegraph wires down, &c.

BOSTON, Mass., March 29.—A heavy rain and strong easterly gale commenced here at 3 P. M. to-day, and still continues.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—High winds have prevailed all day, with occasional heavy showers. There was some damage to house tops, and large trees were uprooted in several parts of the city. The storm continues to-night.

The Storm in this City.

The rain which commenced falling yesterday about 4 A. M. did not assume a very decided character until the afternoon. About 1 P. M. the wind, which had been blowing from the north-east, shifted a few points, and immediately the deluge descended, which, driven by the strong blast then blowing, soon flooded the streets, and effectually cleaned them. A rush was made for the cars and stages; trucks and other conveyances were driven madly along by dripping drivers, and a general stampede took place. Hats were whirled along, pursued by the luckless owners, fortunate if the erratic stove-pipe was captured before it or its pursuer was crushed beneath the wheels of the rushing trucks. Umbrellas were of no account, silk, alpaca, and guanneo alike being knocked into an unrecognisable muddle by the fury of the hurricane. Miniature rivers rushed through the gutters and culverts, and in the lower streets—Washington, Greenwich, Canal, &c.—the water reached a depth of several inches. Though a great deal of inconvenience was experienced from the fury of the storm, no serious accident occurred, and an immense quantity of snow and slush was washed away. About 4 P. M. the wind veered round to the south-east, and the storm seemed to have spent its fury, though rain continued to fall up to a late hour. The steamers proceeded on their outward voyages, but a number of sailing vessels and small craft were storm bound at Quarantine and in the Upper Bay. About 11 P. M. the wind, which had been blowing in fitful gusts, suddenly changed to the north-west and blew great guns. On the Hudson the fury of the storm was felt, and, exposed to its force, the ferry-boats became unmanageable, and were driven about helplessly. The Secaucus, of the Hoboken line, was driven into collision with the pier at the other side, and had her bulwarks stove in, and was otherwise injured. The sea was so rough that passengers by the North River ferries had to hold on to the seats to save themselves from being dashed about, and an hour was about the usual time between each trip.

The storm on the East River was not so violent, but it was sufficient to cause a very unpleasant motion in the ferry-boats, the waves with their white caps resembling a miniature sea. No casualties or accidents of any consequence are reported to have occurred.

Damage to Shipping.

At 1 o'clock this morning, Capt. Mount, of the Seventh Precinct Police, reported to the Central Office that, at 11 o'clock last night, the ship Therese, belonging to Denham & Co., lying at Pier No. 39 East River, at the foot of Pike-street, broke from her moorings and collided with several other vessels lying in the slip. The crew of the pilot-boat Widgeon report that their boat has a hole stove in her hull. A barge, loaded with grain, an elevator, and several canal and pilot-boats, lying near by, were more or less damaged by being in contact with the drifting ship. The extent of the damage could not be ascertained, owing to the darkness and the lateness of the hour at which the accident occurred.

The Storm in Brooklyn.

At 4 P. M. three new three-story brick buildings, in course of erection, and nearly complete, on Butler-street, near Brooklyn-avenue, were converted into a pile of bricks and beams by the storm. The damage is about $6,000. They were owned by a Mrs. Meade, of New-York.

Yesterday morning, the new unfinished four-story brick buildings on Degraw-street, immediately above the Goodrich block, were reported as dangerous. At 2 P. M., two of the upper stories of one of them fell, crushing in the roof of Mr. Bartholomew Coneing's residence, at No. 749 Degraw-street. The loss on the fallen building, which is owned by Thomas Robbins, of New-York, is about $600, and it will take $900 to repair the house of Mr. Coneing.

The window of Jere. Johnson's office, No. 339 Fulton-street, was blown in yesterday afternoon. Loss $25.

Several signs and shutters were also blown down in various parts of the city.

Signal Office Weather Report.

WASHINGTON, March 30—1 A. M.—The storm centre that was Friday night over Lake Michigan, has moved eastward over Lake Huron and extended south-eastward. A second area of low barometer in the Middle Atlantic States, and is now apparently central in the western portion of New-England. The barometric depression over the very large central area of this storm is one of the lowest recorded in these latitudes. The pressure has risen during Saturday evening over the Middle and South Atlantic States. It has fallen decidedly in the Lower Missouri Valley. Easterly gales and high winds have been reported from the Middle and East Atlantic coasts, and northward to the St. Lawrence Valley. Brisk and high westerly winds, with clearing weather, prevail over the Middle States and lower lakes. Fresh winds and clear in the Southern States. Fresh southerly winds and rising temperature in the Missouri Valley.

PROBABILITIES.

The storm centre move on Sunday north-eastward over Nova Scotia and the lower St. Lawrence; brisk westerly winds, with cloudy and clearing weather, prevail in New-England; fresh to brisk north-west winds, with clearing and clear weather, over the Middle States; clear weather and rising temperature in the South Atlantic States; the barometer fall throughout the Mississippi Valley, with increasing southerly winds.

Midnight reports have not yet been received from the Pacific coast and Rocky Mountain stations, the lake region, Canada, New-York, and New-England. Cautionary signals continue at New-York, New-Haven, New-London, Woods Hole, Boston, and Portland, Maine. They will be displayed at the lake stations from and after April 1.

Central Park Meteorological Department.

Abstract of report for the week ending at 1 P. M., March 29, 1873: Barometer—Mean, 29.-888 inches; maximum at 9 A. M., March 23, 30.-260 inches; minimum at 1 P. M., March 29, 29.180 inches; range, 1.100 inches. Thermometer—Mean, 55.5°; maximum at 1 P. M., March 29, 65°; minimum at 11 A. M., March 24, 34°; range, 31°. Remarks—March 24, rain from 9½ P. M. to 12 P. M., amount of water .01 inch; March 25, rain from 6h. 0m. A. M. to 12 P. M., amount of water .10 inch; March 26, rain from 6h. 0m. A. M. to 9½ P. M., amount of water .55 inch; March 29, rain from 4¼ A. M. to 1 P. M., amount of water .13 inch; total amount of water for week .71 inch. Distance traveled by the wind during the week 1,868 miles.

City Meteorological Report.

The following record will show the changes in the temperature yesterday, with the average for the same, as indicated by the thermometer at Dickinson's drug-store, No. 3 Park-row: 8 A. M., 40°; 6 A. M., 42°; 9 A. M., 42°; 12 M., 50½°; 3 P. M., 50½°; 6 P. M., 44°; 9 P. M., 42°; 12 M., 40°; average temperature yesterday, 44½°; average temperature for the week, 36½°.

WASHINGTON.

The Farragut Prize Claims—Grave Charge Against an Officer of the Indian Bureau.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Yesterday, in the District Court, before Judge Humphreys, the case of the Farragut claims for prize money for the destruction of rebel vessels in forcing the passage to New-Orleans, of which the arbitrators a day or two ago filed their report awarding $268,000, was up, and Mr. Corwine, for the Navy Department, moved that the arbitrators file the evidence taken. Judge Humphreys overruled the motion, and Gen. Butler for the claimants, moved a decree on the award. To-day the hearing was resumed. Mr. Corwine filed exceptions to the arbitrators' report. These exceptions were not argued, but were overruled by Judge Humphreys. Mr. Corwine then renewed the motion to direct the arbitrators to send up the evidence on which their award was based. This motion was overruled by the Judge, and thereupon the counsel for the captors, &c., moved that the Court enter a decree confirming the award of the arbitrators, and ordering the payment of the money, which was done.

CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD THE GOVERNMENT.

Capt. D. F. Jookneck, of the Indian Office, was arrested to-day on a bench warrant issued by Judge Cartter, on the indictment in the United States Court for the Western District of North Carolina against several parties for conspiracy to defraud the Government by the alleged making of a false census of the Eastern Band of Cherokees. He was delivered into the hands of the marshal, and afterward gave bail for his appearance when wanted.

CASE OF SPONTANEOUS HYDROPHOBIA.

Richard Staples, who lately resumed his residence in Washington, was about four months ago attacked on the street in Chicago by a small dog, but as no wound was inflicted, he paid no attention to the matter till Wednesday last, when he showed unmistakable symptoms of hydrophobia. The physicians not being able to find any wound, and accepting the statement of the patient that none was inflicted, came to the conclusion that this was a spontaneous case of hydrophobia. He suffered intensely until yesterday, when death came to his relief. The whole disease was a great derangement of the cerebro-spinal nervous system, and, after death, the body was covered with black spots, produced by the non-coagulation of the blood.

NAVAL CHANGES.

Commander E. T. Nichols has been ordered to duty as a member of the Retiring Board; Lieut.-Commander Silas Casey, to duty as Executive of the Navy Board held at Philadelphia; Lieut.-Commander John H. McFarland, detached from the receiving-ship New-Hampshire, and ordered as Executive of the Navy-yard at Norfolk; Medical Director Charles D. Maxwell, detached from special duty at Washington, and placed on waiting orders; Medical Inspector Thos. J. Turner, from duty at the Marine Barracks, Washington, to special duty to attend officers at Washington; Surgeon Stein, from Pensacola Navy-yard, and placed on waiting orders.

FRACTIONAL CURRENCY AND INTERNAL REVENUE STATEMENT.

Fractional currency received from the Printing Division for the week ending to-day	$818,000
Shipments	462,500
Shipments of notes	115,000
The Treasurer holds as security for national bank circulation	$88,111,300
And for deposits of public moneys	15,710,000
Internal revenue receipts to-day	294,442
For the month	7,668,815
Fiscal year to date	95,570,720
National bank notes outstanding this date	$43,969,000

LOCKS FOR TRANSPORTATION CARS.

The Treasury Department has postponed the examination of locks for transportation cars, &c., until May 1.

TREASURY BALANCES.

The following were the balances in the Treasury at the close of business to-day: Currency, $2,818,287 09; special deposit of legal tenders for the redemption of certificates of deposits, $27,-885,000; coin, $68,817,379; coin certificates, $23,-748,500; legal tenders, $355,896,946.

FRAUDS ON THE INDIANS.

Mr. William H. Clagett, late Delegate from Montana, has been appointed special counsel of the General Government to investigate alleged frauds against the Indians in Montana Territory.

A Missing Horse-Dealer.

About nine weeks ago M

CURRENT LITERATURE.

"BRING ME WORD HOW TALL SHE IS."

Twelfth Night; or, What You Will.

"How tall is your Rosalind?"
"*Just as high as my heart.*"
As You Like It.

Within a garden shade,
A garden sweet and dim,
Two happy children played
Together; he was made
For God, and she for him.

II.

Beyond the garden's shade,
In deserts dread and dim,
Two outcast children strayed
Together, he betrayed
By her, and she by him.

III.

Together, girl and boy,
They wandered ne'er apart;
Each wrought to each annoy,
Yet each knew never joy
Save in the other's heart.

IV.

By her so oft deceived;
By him so sore oppressed;
Their each the other grieved,
Yet each of each was best
Beloved, and still caressed.

V.

And she was in his sight
Found fairest, still his prize,
His constant chief delight;
She raised to him her eyes
That led her not aright.

VI.

And ever by his side
A patient huntress ran
Through forests dark and wide,
And still the woman's pride
And glory was the Man.

VII.

When her he would despise,
She kept him captive bound;
Forbidding her to rise,
By many cords and ties.
She held him to the ground.

VIII.

At length in stature grown,
He stands erect and free;
Yet stands he not alone,
For his beloved would be
Like him she loveth wise, like him she loveth free.

IX.

So wins she her desire,
Yet stand they not apart;
For as she doth aspire
He grows, nor stands she higher
Than her Beloved's heart.

DORA GREENWELL.

THE SECRET SOCIETY.

I was once a commercial traveler for a large London firm, trading between London and Russia—consequently I passed a considerable time in the latter country, chiefly in St. Petersburg. I have still many friends there, and speak the language as well as my own.

I became attached by degrees to the place, though, I must confess, at first I disliked it. Perhaps it was because it wasn't home, or perhaps because I had no real friend there. To tell the truth, I shrank from making one, as I knew before I had been many weeks in the country that every other man was a spy, and you might sit down and crack a bottle of wine with one whom you thought the jolliest fellow you had ever met, and next day be marched to prison, with your bosom friend of yesterday brought up as evidence against you, when, should the charge be proved and pronounced treason, (arising from something you may have thoughtlessly said about Russia,) you might be sent to learn silence and wisdom for three months in a dark cell.

I had been warned of this, and never encouraged intimacy with any one. I was beginning to get sick of it all, and seriously thought of going home to England to seek other employers, when an event happened which changed all the current of my life.

It was the beginning of May, and getting very warm in St. Petersburg; so, after my day's work was over, I went down to the bathing-place, where in the hot weather I was accustomed to spend many hours. To-day I was not the only one there, as often happened; there was a young light-haired Russian enjoying himself in the limpid stream. It wasn't very long before I was following his example, and in twenty minutes I was out again, drying myself and watching the gambols of this young fellow.

"He must be tolerably fond of bathing," I said to myself, "to stay in that ice-bath so long;" for he was in it when I arrived, and how long he had been there before, of course I could not say.

I turned away to dress, and had put on my trowsers and shirt, when I looked round to see if he was out yet or performing any strange antic; but he was no longer to be seen. I looked for his clothes, which were still there, but no signs of the bather. Good heavens! what was that? A hand surely! yes! and now another, and a head! and a murmured scream for help! To jump in, just as I stood, half dressed, and haul him on land was the work of an instant. He was perfectly unconscious, and, till I felt his heart gently beating, I thought him dead; after, with much labor, rubbing, chafing, and administering brandy, which I providentially had with me, I got him into a hackney carriage, and, learning his address from a card in his pocket, had him driven to his home.

I shall never forget the scene when, the cabman and myself helping the poor half-drowned fellow from the cab, the hall door opened, and his widowed mother and only sister came shrieking down the garden to the gate, fancying we were bringing his corpse.

In a few hours he was conscious and on the way to recovery. In the meantime the good people had insisted on my going to bed, and had ordered their man-servant to rub me well with brandy and swathe me in hot blankets. I pooh-pooh'd it at first, but this was before the excitement of the affair had worn off; and as soon as I got thoroughly warmed through by the stiff jorum of boiling brandy and water, which made me feel most deliciously drowsy, I thought I should do the wise and proper thing in accepting their kind offers.

Some time in the evening I awoke and found a complete set of clothing laid out for me; so, feeling as right as a trivet, I jumped up and dressed. Being dressed, I went out to inquire how the patient was getting on; and, as I opened my door, the one vis-a-vis opened also, and the mother came forward with both hands outstretched.

"Now you are yourself again, let me give you a mother's blessing for having saved her only son;" and with these words she raised her hands, and, placing them on my bowed head, exclaimed, "May God bless you and reward you for the great good you have done, and may all my household lay down their lives at any time to render you a service."

She then kissed me once on the forehead and twice on the chin, in Russian style, and added, "And now come to see Peter; he is doing charmingly, and cannot rest until he thanks his preserver."

We entered the room, and there, lying in bed, was the light-haired youth, looking more like what I first saw in the water than the corpse-like body I had dragged out, with its flaxen hair clinging tightly to the face. Beside him sat the most beautiful girl I had ever seen. I couldn't stop the blessings and thanks they all showered on my head—so let them have their say, and make a fool of me to the top of their bent.

The end of it was that I was persuaded to give up my lodgings and live with them; the very natural consequence being that I fell in love with Catrina, the lovely daughter, and (what was not so natural a consequence) she with me. I never spent such happy days as I did in that quiet, peaceful new home of mine. The widow loved me as a son; Peter was a brother who could never find anything sufficient to show his friendship for me; and Catrina—ah! that was the sweetest of all! Catrina not only loved, but ere long accepted me as her affianced husband.

Alas! it was destined by Providence that my happiness was not to last, and as I pondered over it afterward, I thought it stood to reason that such bliss was too perfect and too sweet to be permanent.

The blow fell upon me about three weeks after the accident happened—in fact, I received two blows together.

One was a letter from my sister to say my my mother was dangerously ill, and that if I wanted to see her alive I must return at once to England. The other was from my employers, saying that, as the firm had experienced severe losses in the Colonies, my services would no longer be required. Phew! What was to be done? I showed Catrina both letters, and asked her advice.

"Go home directly," she said.

"Will you come with me, Catrina?"

"No," she replied; "I cannot leave my mother."

I had two most miserable days talking and arranging about my departure. Peter had obtained a berth for me, and it was agreed that on my return I should marry Catrina, and settle down in Russia for life.

The next day I was en route for England. I found my mother very ill with rheumatic fever—but not in danger. Of course it was not very long before both she and my sister knew of my attachment to Catrina, and, although they didn't like the idea of my marrying a foreigner, yet when I interpreted her sweet letters to them, they had to admit that she seemed most ardently attached to me.

My mother got rapidly better, and in August was recommended to go to Homburg, and take the mineral baths and drink the waters, and she insisted on my accompanying her. We arrived after a hot and dusty two days' journey. I secured excellent rooms in a charming little villa on the *Unter Promenade*, which, to my mind, is by far the healthiest locality at Homburg. The place was very crowded. All sorts of swells and big-wigs, from royal highnesses to sucking barristers, were there. The play, too, was enormous.

I enjoyed myself very much at Homburg. I met a great number of Russians whom I had known in their own country, and it was a great treat to me to speak the language again; it reminded me so much of Catrina and my Russian home. There was one gentleman I took a great fancy to—a man called Scholvolski, a commercial traveler like myself. He seemed to have taken an equal fancy to me, and was always asking me to dine with him at the restaurant. Sometimes a friend of his dined with us—a man I disliked, why I knew not, unless it was that his expression was diabolical, sensual, cruel, and pitiless. I told my friend Scholvolski one day that I wouldn't join him again if he asked his friend. To which he replied, laughingly, "Oh, he's not a bad fellow, only his face is so much against him."

If I had been in Russia I should not have acted as incautiously as I did. In the first place, I should not have encouraged the intimacy of Scholvolski, and in the second, I should not have opened my lips and spoken so freely of Russia before his friend—I should have set him down at once for a deadly spy. But here in Europe I could afford to laugh at all such ideas, and put the thought of spies, midnight arrests, the knout, and all such barbarities out of my head, and give my opinion as loud and as long as I chose about Russia and her customs. This I did very frequently—more especially as I was constantly led on to do so by my friend Scholvolski.

I had been about a month at Homburg, my mother was wonderfully improved, and very anxious to get back home, when a most curious circumstance happened to me. I had not received a letter from Catrina for more than three weeks, and was getting uneasy. I was quite willing to return home, being impatient to ascertain if any letters had arrived from Russia, and had been forwarded and lost. I wrote a long, loving letter to Catrina, telling her I had missed her usual weekly dispatch, informing her also of my mother's convalescence, and of my impatient desire to get back to Russia and make her my wife with as little delay as possible.

We settled to leave Homburg the following day, and I went to post my letter and bid adieu to my friends. Coming out of the post-office, on the bottom step I saw something glittering in the sun. I picked it up—it was the prettiest little ornament I ever saw. A scarf-pin, evidently made to fasten like a brooch, about the size of a shilling; and round it some cabalistic figures inclosed within a garter; two letters interwoven in the centre on red and blue enamel—the letters being in brilliants; a blue enamel 7 at the top, and the letter K hanging from the bottom in plain gold.

I thought the best way to find its owner was to wear it myself; so I stuck it in the left lappel of my coat, and on my black coat it glistened famously. I looked next morning among the list of things lost, in the glass case in the vestibule of the Kursaal; but no notice was up yet. "Well," I thought, "I'll give it till to-morrow, and then I'll hand it to the Commissaire of Police."

In looking for Scholvolski I met his obnoxious friend, who glared in a frightful way at the jewel in my coat, which made me say, in fun, "How do you like the order I have received?"

"Did you receive that?" he asked, apparently unable to keep his eyes off it.

"Why shouldn't I?" I answered laughing.

He turned on his heel, and left me suddenly.

At last, seated at the roulette-table, I found Scholvolski. I touched him on the shoulder, and asked, "What luck?"

"Ah, my dear friend!" he answered, "the same—always bad. How are you? But what! what!" and he too stared with all his might at my order, and seemed to turn pale.

"Well," I thought, "this must be something remarkably interesting. Do they take me for a king in disguise; or do they think I've stolen the decoration? At any rate, I won't tell them until I find out what they mean."

"Come away quickly," said Scholvolski, taking my arm and leading me on to the terrace, where we sat down at a table, and had some coffee. All this time he never took his eyes off my decoration.

At last I said, "Well, my friend, how do you like my new order, eh? I flatter myself this is rather better than your dirty little bit of green and orange ribbon."

"Have you had it long?" he asked, seriously.

"No," I replied, "not very long. Why?"

"Oh, nothing; only I thought"—

And hearing a whistle in the grounds below, he jumped up, and, without saying a word, rushed down the steps. In a minute or two I saw him emerge from some trees with his horrid friend. They were both talking most vehemently, and gesticulating like two mad Frenchmen.

"Hollos!" I thought; "that whistle sounded like a signal. I'll try and imitate it, and see if it brings him back;" and as well as I could, I gave it—two high notes, then two low, and one very shrill. I seemed to have hit it rather smartly, for both jumped as if shot, and looked up to the place whence the whistle proceeded. My friend Scholvolski rushed to me and said,

"Did you whistle then?"

"Yes," I replied. "Is it such a wonderful thing to be able to imitate a whistle? My dear friend, it's an Englishman's solace and delight. We whistle all day long."

"Ah!" he muttered, "an Englishman? True; but half Russian."

Saying which, he rejoined his companion, and they appeared more frantic than ever. From their looks in my direction, I was evidently the theme of their conversation. "Well," I thought, "I'm not sorry to be going to-morrow. I'm getting tired of Homburg and of Scholvolski; he's too much with that brute."

He came up to me soon, and I began to bid him my adieux.

"Oh, come and dine with me—quite alone, I assure you; this is our last night."

In vain I pleaded packing.

"Bah!" said he; "you have a good hour before dinner."

It was of no use; he would take no excuse; and when I said, "All right," a curious look came over his face. I didn't understand it then—I did some hours after.

We had a most sumptuous dinner—by far the best he had ever given me. He drank very deeply, and I am ashamed to say I did the same—a thing I am not given to at all; but whether it was the hot night, the hot room, or the excellence of the wine, (it was the best Johannisberg, two napoleons the bottle,) I know not; all I remember is, we rose late, having had great arguments about Russian politics, secret societies, and other things connected with his country; and I felt anything but firm on my legs.

"I'll see you home, old fellow," he said, taking my arm and leading me out. "*Allons* for home, sweet home! You've got your order all right, havn't you?" he shouted in my ear; and glaring down on it, his face, to my distempered vision, appeared to have turned yellow.

"Oh, yes, I've got it safe enough," I laughingly answered. "I'm not going to lose such a treasure as that."

"No, mind you don't," he shouted again, and looked yellower than ever.

By this time we had passed through the vestibule, and he hailed a carriage off the stand.

"Get in," he said, quite roughly.

"No, thanks," I replied. "I prefer the fresh air, and will walk home; so good night, and good-by."

"Oh, do just drive with me as far as my lodgings; and we'll walk back to your house together," he pleaded, in his old, kind, gentle way; and, as it was our last night together, I thought I'd humor him, so I got into the cab. He gave some directions in a low tone to the cabman, and off we drove in the opposite direction to my home. Two or three times I asked my companion where on earth we were going to; but he sat silent, puffing a cigar, and looking very serious; and seeing we were in the country, I could not stand it any longer, so I leant out of the cab and asked the coachman where he was driving. I did not catch his answer, for at this moment we pulled up at a solitary, and apparently uninhabited house.

"Here we are. Jump out," said Scholvolski.

The cab drove off rapidly toward Homburg.

"What house is this?" I inquired.

"My lodging," he replied, "at the same time giving the peculiar whistle I had heard that afternoon in the gardens.

As he finished speaking, a small panel in the upper portion of the door opened; whereupon Scholvolski said two or three sharp words which I did not catch, and the noise of unlocking and unbarring the door immediately followed.

"Enter," said my friend.

I had half a mind to turn sharp round, and make a bolt for Homburg. How I wished I had done so before many minutes had elapsed! Scholvolski, following close behind me, gave me a push away from the door, near to which I was lingering, and at the same instant it shut with a tremendous bang. The janitor, who I now saw by his lamp was a gigantic, ugly Russian, barred it carefully, and then, turning round, thrust his lamp full in my face, and, pointing to my order, said, with a hoarse laugh,

"Welcome!"

"Come on," shouted Scholvolski, from the end of the dark passage. "Bring the light, and show us in."

"All right," answered James; and he followed till we came to where Scholvolski was waiting. Then, throwing open a door, he said something in a low voice, at the same time my friend gave me another awful push that sent me flying into the room: so that, to save myself from falling, I clutched the back of a chair, and so steadied myself, and recovered my senses. I was in a large, long room, brilliantly lighted, with a table running nearly the whole length, round which were seated about thirty men, all smoking cigarettes. A man who was sitting at the head of the table got up, and said, "Gentlemen, welcome."

To my horror, this man, who seemed the President of the party, was Scholvolski's friend, whom I so much disliked.

Just then Scholvolski touched me on the arm, and asked, "How do you like their orders?"

I glanced in the direction he indicated, and saw that every man had on his breast a facsimile of the jewel I wore.

"Ah! ha!" I thought; "now I shall find out all about it."

During this time I had been standing in the centre of the room, with Scholvolski near me.

He now said, "Won't you take a seat, and join in the conversation?"

"No, thank you," I replied, feigning coolness. "As it is so late, I must be off; but, tell me, before I go, who are these gentlemen, and what is the meaning of the order they each wear?"

"You'll soon know," he answered; and, advancing to the table, said, in a loud tone, "Mr. President, and gentlemen, this man has asked me to explain who you are, and the meaning of the order (although he himself wears one) on your breasts. What answer shall I give him?"

Whereupon the President rose, and said, "Gentlemen, what do you say to trying the traitor now?"

The men round the table silently nodded their heads.

"Good," rejoined the President. "Let the trial begin."

"What does this mean?" I asked of my friend. "Are they rehearsing a scene from a play? At all events, I'm sorry I can't stay to see the fun. So, if you won't come, I must find my way home alone. So good night. Gentlemen, I have the honor to wish you a very good evening."

With a polite bow, I turned to the door, and tried to open it; but there was no handle, and I pushed in vain.

Scholvolski came up to me. "You can't leave yet; these gentlemen have a few questions to ask you; so come and sit down quietly, and answer them, or ——"

"Or what?" I asked, indignantly. "Is this some trap you have led me into? You had better take care. Remember, you are not in Russia."

"Not much difference, though, in this room."

"That we shall see," I said; and rushing to the door, began hammering at it and shouting at the top of my voice. The whole party smiled at my efforts, which made me more furious; and I redoubled my knocking and calls for help. All at once it opened with a burst that nearly knocked me backward, and the huge janitor entered. I rushed at the closing door; but he was too quick for me. It was shut again in an instant; and he stood with his back against it.

"Put him in the chair," said the President to this big brute.

"All right, master," was his reply, and, walking to a cupboard, he brought out a sort of arm-chair with straps and ropes, which he placed in the centre of the room, and then beckoned me to sit in it.

"No!" I exclaimed, "I'm not going to be put tamely in that chair;" and I caught up the one I had been leaning against, determined to hold my own. "What is it you want of me? Is it to rob me? Because, if so, I will quietly give you everything I have; but if you think you are going to play any tricks, you are very much mistaken; for the first man who approaches me I'll brain!"

I had hardly concluded when the big porter threw himself heavily upon me, and, with the assistance of two or three more, I was placed in the chair and bound down so securely as to be unable to move hand or foot. My tongue was free, though; and, most foolishly, I commenced cries for help. In a couple of seconds I was gagged, and then I was indeed helpless.

"Now," said the President, "let us get on quickly. Come, Scholvolski, your evidence."

And, to my astonishment, this man, whom I had thought my friend, took out a small pocket-book, and from it read all the conversations we had had together, the opinions I had expressed to him on secret societies in particular, winding up by telling them how I had displayed to him my new order, and how I had also shown my knowledge of their private whistle.

As he sat down, seemingly perfectly satisfied with what he had done, I was well aware that I was trapped in the den of a Russian secret society which bore me some terrible grudge—whether for having spoken so openly and scoffingly of it, or for wearing the wretched order I had found. How I cursed it and my ill-luck in picking it up!

One after another of the men seated at the table, and to whom I had at times spoken, got up, and repeated all that I had said to them, and generally a good deal more.

When all had had their say, the President rose, and said: "Gentlemen and brothers, this traitor has to be tried by you on the following charges: First, for having (knowing us all to belong to this society,) taken every opportunity of maligning and ridiculing it; secondly, for having, by some means unknown to us as yet—but which we will presently get from him—worn our secret order publicly and ostentatiously, and probably explained to everybody he knows its mysterious meaning.

"You have heard the evidence, gentlemen. How say you, guilty or not guilty?"

Without a word being spoken, every man held up his hand.

"Guilty on both charges," added the President. "And now your sentence."

Again silently they all raised their hands.

"Death!" said the President. "Gentlemen and brothers, in your verdict and sentence I fully concur."

I had nearly fainted as he uttered these last words, and I think I should have done so, but that the porter undid the gag; and the President, rising, addressed me thus: "Prisoner and traitor, you have heard the charges, evidence, verdict, and sentence; have you anything to say why it should not be carried out?"

I nerved myself, and, as boldly as I could, spoke the following words: "Russians, most of you—particularly one"—(and I looked hard at Scholvolski, who dropped his eyes,) "have professed friendship for me; and yet now you want to kill me. Why is this? What have I done? You say I have talked about your secret societies. Well, so does every other man you meet; and in Europe everybody says what he thinks. You assert that I have worn your order, knowing it to be the order of your society. This I emphatically deny, as I only picked it up in the streets a few minutes before I met that man," (pointing to the President,) for oddly enough, I had never heard his name.

As I uttered the words "picked it up," there was a smile of derision; they evidently did not believe me. How was I to prove my words? No one had been near me when I found it.

"Is that all you have to say?" asked the President: "because that goes for nothing."

"Let me warn you," I hotly answered. "You are not in Russia, where you can get rid quietly of any noxious person, but in Europe; and you'll find yourselves with ropes around your necks if you dare to lay violent hands on me."

"Ho! ho!" laughed the brutal President. "How clumsy you must think us! Why, you don't suppose that we shall leave your carcass in the streets? But, enough of this. To business—"

"One minute, Frushinkoff," said Scholvolski.

"Hush! hush! How could you be so imprudent?—before that man, too!"

"Pardon me; it slipped out," rejoined Scholvolski: "but I don't think he will ever repeat it."

While this by-talk had been going on between them, I had been racking my brain to try and remember where I had heard the name of Frushinkoff: when all at once I recollected he was the man who had been at the head of a conspiracy to assassinate the Czar, and was known to be the most cruel, unscrupulous devil in the world. Now I no longer wondered why I had so instinctively mistrusted him; and it was in his merciless hands my life was placed!

"One minute," resumed Scholvolski, having, apparently, appeased the President. "I suppose, as usual, we keep a memento?"

"Certainly," replied the President, and nodded to the porter, who went to the cupboard, and produced a long flat box, which he placed on the table.

"How many will his make?" asked Scholvolski.

"Let's see," said the President, and with a small gold key attached to his watch-chain he unlocked the box. How he gloried at the contents! "His will be the ninth," said the President.

"Pass it round," asked Scholvolski, who was close to me; and when it was put down in front of him my curiosity tempted me to look within it too. Heavens! what did I see? A row of mortal thumbs!

I shut my eyes at the horrid sight, and I felt my blood run cold on hearing Scholvolski say, with a laugh, "Karl, you will have so enlarge this space; our friend's thumb here" (and he touched my thumb, which lay outstretched, my arm being bound to the arm of the chair) "is very large."

"The night is half over," said the President, "and we've lots to do before dawn; so come, Karl, the hatchet; and, Scholvolski, you write the card to attach to it, as a memoir of to-night's good work."

Great God! my thumb too large for the space! the hatchet! What does it all mean? I knew I had to die, but not be tortured to death; not to have my limbs hacked off before my eyes. The thought was too fearful.

Although I was nearly unconscious, half dead with fright, I have a dim recollection of seeing the huge porter come up to me with a short hatchet in his hand, and unbind my forearm, laying it in a sort of iron groove which he fitted on the arm of the chair; then binding it down again on this, and separating my thump from the other fingers, by covering them with a sheet of lead, which fitted down tightly to the chair. For the life of me, I couldn't resist the temptation to look at the diabolical machine. I found what I have described above, and also—oh, horror!—my thumb lay on a massive piece of lead, much cut about, and stained bright red!

I now nerved myself for one final dash for liberty and life. "If I could only get free from the chair and get hold of that hatchet, I'd back myself to get out—if—" A desperate shake, plunge, and wriggle. No use; the giant was down upon me like an avalanche. I made one more futile attempt at shouting, but was instantly gagged.

When I was fixed, the President said, "Gentlemen and brothers, all is prepared; is it your wish that the traitor should lose his right thumb?"

They all silently raised their hands.

The President—"Good, it is. Is it also your wish that the thumb shall be put in the box and kept as a warning to us all?"

Again they all silently raised their hands.

The President—"It is; and finally, gentlemen, shall he die by our usual method, or have you any fresh suggestions?"

They shook their heads.

"As usual, then," said the President, adding, "Are you ready, Karl?"

"Yes, master."

"Then, at the word 'three,' off with it."

Unclosing my eyes for an instant, I found the huge brute standing gloating over me, with his left hand on my right wrist, as it were to steady himself, and the hatchet upraised in the right.

"One!" the President uttered, in a sharp voice.

"Two!"

"Three!"

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"Where am I? Who are these people standing around my bed?"

"Well, old fellow, how do you feel, eh?"

"Peter! no, it can't be!"

"He's just awake, mamma."

"Surely that's my sister Julia's voice!"

"Oh, I'm so glad, the dear boy!"

"And that's my mother's."

In moving, such a pain shot through my right arm that I shrieked. Ah! now I remember. It was no dream, then, after all, but a stern reality. My thumb? Yes, it was missing; and my hand and arm were bound up. But why didn't they kill me? I must get them to tell me. But how came Peter here? Oh, how feeble my voice was!

"Hush!" they all said; "to-morrow."

To-morrow came, and still they said to-morrow; and so, many morrows came and went. At last, after about seven to-morrows, they all assembled round my bed, and kissed me, and asked me how I felt.

"May I talk now?" I asked, eagerly.

"Yes," they answered, "for you are saved."

"Saved!" I exclaimed; "has it been so bad as that?"

They silently nodded their heads, looking very serious.

"For God's sake, don't do that!" I exclaimed, for it reminded me of that night, and of those silent men.

"Now, Peter, sit down by his bedside and tell him quietly how you saved his life," said my mother.

"You saved my life, Peter?"

"Yes, my dear friend; even as you once saved mine. I have never forgotten it, and at last I found an opportunity of returning the compliment. You know, of course, that nearly every Russian belongs to some secret society—I among others. We have our signs, signals, and private orders, which, of course, we only wear *entre nous*. Now for my share in this wretched business.

"Some weeks ago my firm ordered me to England. My sister was always pining to be there, and my mother was wretched at the thought of separation from me, who had never been away from her before. So we agreed to go to your country, and take you by surprise; and that is the reason you have not heard from us for some time."

"Is Catrina here, then?" I demanded, excitedly.

"Hush! yes; the Doctor wouldn't let you see her before. This afternoon, if you are quiet, you may. But to resume, I went to your house in the country and found you were in Homburg; and as I had still a week or two before I began work, I thought I would bring my mother and Catrina over here with me. Ah, dear me, how unlucky it was I came!"

"Why?"

"If I hadn't come, you would never have picked up that order. If you hadn't picked up that order, you would not have gone through that awful night. And if you hadn't picked up that order, you would have a thumb on your right hand now."

"But how did your coming do all this?"

"Because," he answered, slowly, "that order you picked up I dropped."

"You?"

"Yes. See here it is," and unbuttoning his waistcoat, he showed me the unlucky ornament.

"Put it away, for heaven's sake," I cried, "it makes my arm ache so!"

"Pardon me, my friend, but I want you to know everything. Now, to conclude, and tell you how I came to be lucky enough to save you."

"On the afternoon we arrived I went off to the post-office to ask for letters. If was there I must have lost this. After dinner I started to ascertain if you were still at the Kursaal. Thinking I might meet some of my secret friends, I looked to see if the order was safe, and found, to my dismay, it was gone! As I walked up to the Kursaal, I carefully looked on the ground which, by the light of the extraordinarily brilliant moon, I could distinguish distinctly. I saw it nowhere. At the post-office I looked carefully, especially on the steps, when an official asked me what I had dropped. I told him a small jewel; he then said he had seen an English gentleman pick it up and fasten it in his coat. Then I was frightened, for if any of my society were to see it in his coat, it would cost him his life, I knew; so I tore all round the Kursaal, which was shutting up, but could find no trace of any one with the order, nor of you. I wandered about long after the rooms were closed; and at last was going home very disconsolately, when I met a man hurrying along in the opposite direction, and in whom I recognised a Russian friend, a member of my society. We chatted for some minutes, when, looking at his watch, he told me he must hurry, or he should miss the fun.

"What fun?" I asked.

"Oh, some Englishman, or half Russian, half English, has got hold of some of our private signals, knows all about our society, and this very afternoon has been publicly wearing our order; how he got it no one can say. He has been gulled into attending the meeting, and is to be tried to-night. I'm off to see what Frushinkoff and Scholvolski intend to do with him."

"Off we both started, called a carriage, and arrived shortly after at the awful house. The door-keeper wouldn't admit me at first because I couldn't show my order; but, luckily, my friend was a very important member of the society, and became guarantee for me.

"We entered the room and were recognised directly, and every one began to tell us what the culprit had done.

"'But the fool has fainted, and we want him to come to, that we may finish him,' said Frushinkoff to me.

"'Let me see him,' I said; 'I know a little about medicine, and perhaps can succeed.'

"They made way for me, and I stood beside the fainting man. Oh, my friend, what an awful shock! for it was you, my dear, good brother. It was you who had picked up the order I dropped, and had suffered such agony for my carelessness.

"I immediately protested against their treatment. I told them it was my order which I had lost; and I referred them to the witness I had met with in the official.

"Well, after immense trouble, and on my going security for you with my life, they eventually allowed me to take you away.

"'There, that's all;' and now you must get well again as quickly as possible."

"How lucky you came in time," was all I could murmur.

Just then my mother and sister came in, and seeing my wistful glance at the door, Julia smiled and called for Catrina.

She came. How lovely she looked, and how I doated on her!

My story is done. We all returned to England the moment I was well enough. Peter took a small house for his mother and Catrina, close to ours, and we were very happy. In a month or two I married Catrina, and Peter Julia.

I got a good berth with fresh employers, and, having an affectionate wife, am very happy, except when I meet a Russian, and then my arm aches, and my left thumb tingles.—*London Society.*

WAS LORD LYTTON A MAN OF GENIUS?—It is plain that to entitle any man to be placed in the first class of writers, even into the lowest rank of that class, he must come of the strain of the immortals. Even to admit that such a question is an open one, in regard to almost any author, is to pay him a high compliment; and we venture to ask it in regard to Lord Lytton. Was he in any true sense a man of genius, or only a man of very great talent? Is he one of the originators, or only one of the transmitters of the great contemporary impulses—a creative artist, or a skillful manipulator of the materials given by others?

Some memories would lead one to answer in favor of the loftier claim. There is a certain force and freshness about some of his writings, *Pelham*, for instance, which has a close resemblance to genius. There is one, at least, of his novels upon which we are unable to express a distinct opinion, for a reason which will probably be appreciated by many readers. It happens that his *Last Days of Pompeii* is sanctified for us by school-day associations. Glaucus exposed to the lions stands in our memory beside Charles O'Malley in his Peninsular adventures, and Ivanhoe in the castle of Front-de-bœuf and Robinson Crusoe discovering the foot-print in the sand. We can no more reason about the merits of the story than we can seriously entertain the question whether the Captain of the boats in those days was the biggest, strongest, and most active of men since the days of Achilles. Its excellence is with us an article of faith, not of reason. And we therefore decline, even in the discharge of a critical duty, ever again to consult its pages. As to the enduring value of the great bulk, however, of Lord Lytton's novels we can judge more dispassionately. Most of them belong to that class of literature which presupposes a certain amount of experience in the writer. They are, even ostentatiously, the productions of a man of the world, who has taken his part in serious business and is familiar with all the wheels of the great machinery of life. The peculiarity, indeed, is only too prominent. The most palpable defect of his novels is their extreme self-consciousness. The writer is evidently determined that we shall not overlook his claims to be a teacher of mankind. He is always philosophising in good set terms, which is a very different thing from writing philosophically. His moral is not embodied in his work, but exhibited with all the emphasis of sententious aphorisms. He aims at the Ideal, and very rightly, but the Ideal and the True and the Beautiful need not always be presenting themselves with the pomp of capital letters. And though we honor him for not despising his art, we should be glad if he could occasionally forget his art in his instincts. As it is, we are always asking whether he is not rather artificial than truly artistic. Extreme cleverness is the word which suggests itself much oftener than genius; we exclaim how ingenious! rather than how true! and are more impressed by the judicious balancing of his scenes than by their genuine beauty. In short, Lord Lytton is wanting in that spontaneity and vigor which is the surest mark of genius. We do not meet, in his pages, with those sudden electric flashes which thrill us as we study the really great men; and we have an uncomfortable sensation that there is something stagey and unreal about the whole performance.

But we do not wish to attempt anything like an exhaustive account of Lord Lytton's versatile performances. The same characteristics, in fact, meet us everywhere. So far as industrious labor can make a man of great ability and of studiously cultivated literary skill, Lord Lytton is an admirable model. Nobody could combine his materials more judiciously, or turn to better account the results of much laborious thought guided by excellent taste. But we always feel the want of that vivifying power which is possessed in its perfection only by a few men in the course of ages, and in an inferior degree by a large number of writers whose works show greater faults but are also by fits more impressive than any of Lord Lytton's. He can put together all the elements of a story or a character according to the most approved rules of art; he can discourse to us with abundant felicity and fertility of illustration upon philosophy and morality; but then he cannot send through his creations that electric current which makes them start into reality, or give to his reflections that force which can be drawn only from the deepest emotions of a powerful nature. He is not a creator of new types, but is so ingenious in restoring the old that to a careless observer they are almost as good as the originals. And, therefore, while we willingly concede to him a very high place among the mortals, we cannot admit his claims to a loftier place.—*The Cornhill Magazine.*

THE VALLEY OF THE ARNO FROM FIESOLE.—O heavens! how beautiful it is! Far as the eye can see, the poet-praised river winds along beneath us. Through fields where stands the hoary olive, knee-deep in wheat, and where the blossoming vine hangs its perfumed wreaths from branch to branch, or hides the bare stem which supports it in a pyramid of luxuriant foliage; past margins vivid with the rank Tuscan grass, where cream-colored oxen bow their patient necks beneath the yoke, and drag home the creaking wain heavy with fresh-cut hay; past the feet of swelling hills, velvety with rich groves of lilex, or girdled with gray olives, and crowned with the memorial cypress, black and still against the evening sky; past solid stone-built farm-house and homestead; past reaches fringed with tall reeds, or edged with a dreary waste of brown alluvial mud which the fierce mountain torrents have dragged down from the treeless Apennine—past these and many another scene, old Arno flows into the heart of the City of Lilies. There she lies, far beneath us—Firenze la bella—the central glory even of this lovely scene! Close at our feet the sloping terrace gardens break away steeply. Rose, and oleander, and camelia, and magnolia, and a thousand more familiar plants—either in leaf or flower or blossom—are heaped together with a soul-satisfying lavishness, and lead the eye down, by soft degrees of beauty, to where the spires and turrets of Florence seem to prick the crystal sky. Supreme in responsful majesty, the great dome of the cathedral shows its giant curves above all compeers. There is a sense of "peace, good-will toward men," in those perfect lines; and close at hand rises, straight and slender, Giotto's bell-tower—beautiful as an expiring soul. A more eager and earthly ambition is expressed by the wondrous tower of the Palazzo Vecchio, flinging itself into the air from the battlemented walls of the building, and throwing out, midway in its height, a daring buttress to support a further flight, as though one vaulting tower had leaped upon another's shoulders! There are Santa Croce, with its dazzling marbles front; Santa Maria Novella; the dome of the Medicean chapel of San Lorenzo; the square, lofty mass of Or San Michele; the ancient tower of the Bargello, and (besides a multitude more towers and churches) the singularly picturesque city gateways, with their massive arch-ways and time-embrowned stonework. Across the river, the old gate of San Niccolo is one of the most striking of these monuments of a time when Florence was girt with walls as with a girdle. Behind it rises the hill of San Miniato, with its beautiful basilica, and the cypress-shadowed Franciscan church of San Salvatore del Monte. There is not a foot of Arno's banks, as the river flows through Florence, which is not rich in storied memories; the attempt to enumerate even a few of the most interesting would bewilder us; let us only look and be thankful. See how the Ponte Vecchio—the old jeweler's bridge—shows quaint and old-world above the stream. Beneath its arches the water—for the most part turbid and dull enough—has caught a ruby tint from the sinking sun. From this distance all the city, save those loftier structures we have noticed, seems melting in a golden haze. There is a press of red roofs, like a thronging crowd on a holiday, jostling each other, around the great centres, such as the Piazza del Duomo and della Signoria. There swings a bridge, like a thread, from shore to shore, and yonder is the fresh green line of the Cascine woods, running westward. All around—upon the plain, the lower slopes, and even the higher eminences—are strewn fair villas and palaces, showing like white pebbles dropped among the gardens of the Val d'Arno. Away—away the silent stream flows westward toward Pisa, and the sun is sinking, sinking that way too. There is a glory as of molten gold in the heavens, and splashes of dazzling brightness gild one long, horizontal line of cloud above the sun. Little fleecy cloudlets flock the opposite sky, and are tinged with a divine rose color.—*Temple Bar.*

THE FIRST BALLOON ASCENSION.—We have said that balloons were invented in France. It is to the brothers Montgolfier that the discovery is attributed. These two brothers, James and Joseph, were paper manufacturers at Annonay, and they had already distinguished themselves by the invention of a machine known as the "hydraulic ram" (*bélier hydraulique*) when they contrived their first balloon, in the year 1783. This balloon was of enormous size, being thirty-five feet in diameter, 110 feet in circumference, and able to hold 22,000 cubic feet of air. It was made of canvas, lined with paper, and weighed 500 pounds. The excitement occasioned by its first trial in public was extraordinary, for people made up their minds that the secret of aerial navigation had been discovered, and that thenceforth the high-roads of the heavens would be open to everybody. The first balloon, however, ascended alone, without carrying anyone with it. A large aperture had been contrived in the lower part, and under it was lit a straw fire, which introduced into the canvas globe 22,300 cubic feet of hot air, much lighter consequently than the surrounding atmosphere; for it is one of the properties of heat to dilate all the bodies which it penetrates and to make them fill a much larger space than when they are cold. It is thus that a volume of air, heated at a temperature of boiling water (i. e., 100° centigrade, or 212° Fahrenheit,) is greater by 37-100 than at the temperature of 0° centigrade, (32° Fahrenheit,) and that, at the temperature of 200° centigrade, (350° Fahrenheit,) it becomes almost double. The hot air thus dilated inside the balloon tended to rise, and met with no resistance but that of the canvas covering; by degrees, however, it became so light that its weight, added to that of the balloon, was less than an equal volume of surrounding air, whereupon, to the astonishment and delight of the spectators, the "Montgolfière" rose majestically from the earth, and soared aloft to a height of 200 or 300 feet.

This experiment was repeated everywhere, with equal success, and on the 15th October, 1783, M. Pilatre des Rosiers and the Marquis of Arlande ventured courageously into a car fastened beneath the balloon, and rose several times to a height of 300 feet. The balloon was held in by cables. This success emboldened them, and on the 21st November—a great day in aeronautical annals—the two intrepid noblemen determined upon a free ascension. The starting-place appointed was at the Bois de Boulogne, and all Paris turned out of doors to witness the sensational spectacle. As the Marquis of Arlande was stepping into the car, Louis XVI., who was present, spoke with some concern of the dangers which might attend the experiment. "Sire," answered the Marquis, who was an officer, and who had been long waiting for oft-promised but oft-deferred promotion, "Sire, your Majesty's Minister of War has made me so many promises in the air, and has suffered me to build so many castles in the same place, that I am going up to take a look at both." The balloon rose magnificently, soared to a height of nearly 1,500 yards, and, after crossing right over Paris, fell,

INVESTIGATING ERIE.

Continuation of the Legislative Inquiry—Testimony of Frederick A. Lane, P. H. Watson, and Others.

The Legislative Committee, appointed to investigate the corruption and mismanagement of the Erie Company, resumed their session at the Fifth-avenue Hotel, yesterday morning, with Mr. Babcock as chairman.

Mr. Wight, one of the committee, handed to the reporters the following synopsis of the evidence taken from Frederick A. Lane on the preceding evening, and from which examination the reporters had been excluded:

Frederick A. Lane testified as follows: Was a director of the Erie Company before March, 1872. A month or more before that time I met Mr. Henry Thompson at the Erie offices, and had a conversation with him about a change: told him that if a certain amount was paid, I thought the directors would resign; $500,000 was suggested; afterward saw Mr. Scott about it. He wanted the whole Board to go out, and would do nothing unless Mr. Gould went out. Mr. Willard made a proposition to Gould to pay him a large sum to go out. Afterward, in a conversation with Mr. Gardiner, I concluded the best way would be to make an arrangement with Mr. McHenry through Mr. O'Doherty. I called on him, and he suggested he could get a much larger sum. The first dispatch was sent by Mr. O'Doherty to McHenry. I consulted O'Doherty, because I knew he was an intimate friend of McHenry, who depended on his word. Then followed the various cable dispatches. I think I saw all of them. I made a distinct point in the matter no circumstances should the removal of Mr. Gould be made. I would only undertake to give them a majority of the board, and give Mr. Gould the benefit of their aid: I thought him the best railroad man in the country. He is the only man who appreciated the Erie Road. Negotiations were on for some time until I was informed by Easy, or O'Doherty, or Thompson that other directors were negotiating with Mr. Sickles. Mr. Thompson told me some of the party had sent for him, and had an interview with him; on the same day Barlow asked me to meet Sickles. Said I met Barlow and Thompson that evening at Barlow's house. The subject of payment was talked over. They put it quite low. I told them I thought they ought to leave a margin. The next day Barlow wrote a dispatch, leaving the amount to be filled in in blank. After some talk I inserted an amount of I think some pounds. My recollection is that it was about £75,000. I had been connected with Barlow in other matters. My arrangement with him was that I was to receive $100,000 counsel fee, and that during the year he would make me at least $250,000 in other enterprises. He wrote a letter to McHenry, stating that after payment of expenses there would be only a small sum remaining on hand that he had made another arrangement with them. I have seen nothing of the arrangement yet. Last year I borrowed $25,000 of McHenry, and gave him my note, and with $40,000 bonds in security. I received $67,500 at the time of the revolution. The check never went through my bank account; it went to pay for iron for another road. I made no arrangements with the other directors, and no payments to them. The circular now produced is a printed copy of the private circular I had printed in England, and I brought two or three of them to this country. During the negotiation, and before I saw Mr. Sickles, I made up, with Barlow, a list of directors that I thought would be satisfactory, and named, among others, Mr. Barlow, O'Doherty and Gardiner. Afterward, Gen. Sickles objected to O'Doherty and Gardiner. There was then fixed a compensation of $25,000 to them for taking their resignations. After the Mr. Barlow fixed the payment afterward by giving a draft on McHenry. The drafts were, by mistake of a clerk at Duncan & Sherman's, drawn for a larger amount, and Barlow telegraphed to McHenry only to pay $25,000. I went to Europe three days before McHenry arrived. The sum of $25,000 in all was to be paid to me to supervise the new election. I know nothing of payments made by him with regard to that election, and know nothing about the Bischoffsheim contract except what I saw in print. O'Doherty did everything he could in Europe to keep down the bonds by long statements which he wrote and read to me, and not with the paper they were written on, and telegraphed to McHenry to know why he dared to do such a thing as let his agents make the negotiations. I received with Mr. Sharpe, an eminent barrister, who advised a criminal action against Mr. O'Doherty for black-mailing these securities. I do not know of a banker in London who would have taken these securities at that time. I do not consider the percentage a large one. I was told that Mr. Sickles received £20,000. McHenry told me that he demanded £100,000, but I supposed that £20,000 were paid by Bischoffsheim.

To Mr. Beach—Mr. O'Doherty sent word to me by Gardiner that he had published the circular. [The circular has been published in THE TIMES.]

At this point the cross-examination was suspended, on the ground that Mr. Lane was too feeble to bear the excitement.

As there were no witnesses present yesterday morning at the hotel, the committee went into executive session, after which they decided to proceed to the Erie Railway offices, and to take the testimony of the President, &c. An adjournment to that place, therefore, was agreed upon, and the following testimony taken:

TESTIMONY OF MR. P. H. WATSON.

Mr. P. H. Watson testified that he was made President of the Erie Road in July, 1872, but knew nothing of the details which effected the change of the board in March, 1872, except by hearsay and the evidence taken before the committee. The last dividends of the Erie Company were declared on the 15th of Feb. 1873, 2½ per cent. on preferred stock, and 1¾ per cent. on common stock, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1872, out of the earnings of the twelve months preceding. It was based on an estimate made by the officers of the company. It was difficult to make the estimate owing to the condition in which the books had been kept. Witness declared the dividend on what he believed to be the net earnings of the road. A determined attempt has been, and still is being made to get a complete record of the receipts and earnings of the road. It was understood at the meeting of the stockholders that the net earnings should be employed to pay dividends, and not applied to permanent improvements, which should go to the construction account. Witness explained that extending the track, replacing iron with steel rails, of wooden culverts with stone, adding new rolling stock, &c., should be charged to construction account, and not to the current working expenses of the road. He promised to furnish the committee with a detailed statement of charges so made to the construction account. By following this plan the capital of the road would be increased from year to year, but the road would be constantly improved. The earnings of the road would, however, be divided among the stockholders. If there was an indefinite enlargement of the road there would also be an indefinite increase of the indebtedness, but there is a limit to that. The par value of the stock outstanding is $86,000,000. In a general way witness was acquainted with the terms of the Archer contract, but did not know the amount of profits derived from it. Witness did not approve of the plan of handling the freight by contract, and believed the company ought to do its own work. The Bischoffsheim contract was entered into before witness came into office. Considering the advances made by Bischoffsheim & Co., without security, the Erie Company and witness did not think the commission too large, as the action of Bischoffsheim & Co. had raised the credit of the company. The stockholders were benefited by the transaction. He knew nothing of the amount paid to Gen. Sickles in London, or elsewhere, and knew nothing of the rates charged for freight—that being merely a matter of detail belonging to a specified department. The Executive Committee had never authorized the claim of Bischoffsheim, as the details had never been laid before them in an official manner. The money expended in changing the board would be a legitimate charge if the stockholders agreed to it, as they had a right to do as they pleased with their own property. Three-fourths of the stock was represented at the stockholders' meeting, at which the claim was admitted. The Board of Directors never passed the claim, otherwise the £80,000 would have been paid before this.

In reply to Mr. Beach, the witness said that not one cent of the convertible bonds was applied to the payments of dividends. The proceeds of those bonds were applied to reimburse the construction account, the funds for which had been borrowed from the net earnings account. At the stockholders' meeting, which agreed to reimburse Bischoffsheim, their proxies were represented. Although stockholders' proxies are generally used only for the purpose of electing directors, they are sometimes used for the transaction of business. The dividend was declared out of the net earnings—the excess of receipts over the working expenses—and witness had satisfied himself that the amount had been earned. He knew nothing of the auditing of bills in April, 1872, the payment of which appears from the face to have been made in 1869 and 1871, and the entry in the cash-book taking place on March 15, 1872. The audit stamp was perhaps put on by a man named Fennessy, who was dismissed from the audit department as not entitled to confidence. Witness knew nothing of the transaction, nor of the claim for $30,000 made by the New-York Central Railway. He had not investigated the claim, being satisfied in escaping the payment of the money. The discussion at the meeting where the dividend was declared turned principally on the issue that no dividend should be declared while the road was borrowing money, and four directors—Messrs. Oliphant, Prime, Babcock, and Johnson—voted against it on that basis. The Erie Company has not, to witness' knowledge, in any form assumed any responsibilities for the Atlantic and Great Western, beyond the fact that the latter was to be reimbursed out of the earnings for the expenses incurred by the extension to the Allegheny oil regions. He understood that the directory chosen in July, 1872, was acceptable to the English stockholders, but could not say that it was nominated by either McHenry or Bischoffsheim. He was told by the officers when he came into office that Bischoffsheim advanced the first loan of $2,000,000 without security, but all the knowledge he had on the subject was derived from the books of the company and hearsay.

To Mr. Carpenter—The Commission paid for negotiating the convertible bonds was two and one-half per cent., and one-quarter per cent. for brokerage. This was paid to Bischoffsheim, and included expenses for advertising. The expenses of the Erie Directory in London, for office, rent, &c., were charged, and allowed, but this was not charged against the bonds. The office was merely a temporary matter, and had since been discontinued. The funds were in the treasury to pay the $800,000 for March interest when the dividend was declared.

To Mr. Barlow—It was not at Bischoffsheim's suggestion that Messrs. Otis, White, and Hilton were suspended, but because their names, having been published as among those who were bought out, injured the reputation of the company until disproved. Mr. O'Doherty's statement that those persons had been bought having remained uncontradicted for a week, was considered a good cause for their suspension.

TESTIMONY OF MR. S. H. DUNAU.

Mr. S. H. Dunau testified that he was General Auditor of the Erie Railway, and had a general knowledge of the affairs of the company. All the accounts pass through his office. The earnings of the road are classified under the heads of general freights, coal, mail, express, passenger, and miscellaneous. The witness then detailed the process of calculating the net earnings. From the gross receipts is deducted the amount paid to foreign roads connecting with the Erie, losses in transit, &c., leaving the net receipts, against which is charged the expenses, including repairs, leaving the net earnings, upon which the dividends are declared. The account of Bischoffsheim & Co. with the Erie Railway Company is not settled. The net earnings are not ascertained after deducting the interest on mortgages, but only the regular expenses. The following is a statement of the earnings and expenses for the year 1872:

EARNINGS AND EXPENSES OF THE ERIE RAILWAY.

From Jan. 1, 1872, to Dec. 31, 1872:		
Earnings—		
From passengers	$3,812,025 19	
From freight	10,237,298 98	
From passengers	3,433,601 35	
From mails and express	746,053 02	
From miscellaneous sources	14,399 97	$18,762,428 01
Expenses—		
Transportation	$6,852,644 75	
Road department	3,371,164 34	
Rolling stock	2,262,066 76	
General	651,010 35	
Incidental	146,252 36	
Miscellaneous	399,471 19	$13,619,545 97
Net earnings		5,142,882 04

TESTIMONY OF MR. W. P. SHEARMAN.

W. P. Shearman, Treasurer of the Erie Railway Company, testified that a statement had been received from Bischoffsheim & Co. relative to the negotiation of the bonds, and the balance due. A draft was made for the balance, a cable dispatch having been sent apprising him of that fact. The following is a copy of the statement:

The Erie Railway Company, New-York, in account with Bischoffsheim & Goldschmidt.

Dr.—1872.	£	s.	d.
May 25—To sundry expenses	4,976	19	6
June 15—To payment London office Erie Railway Company	500	0	0
July 9—To payment London office Erie Railway Company	500	0	0
July 13—To extra commission of half per cent. £395,765	1,428	15	0
Aug. 29—To payment coupons, £242,700 cash subscription, £126,300 converted	20,521	3	0
Aug. 29—Payment £21,300 sterling	27,918	7	10
Aug. 29—Interest on advance Gould bonds, commission and brokerage on £126,300	1,331	0	0
Aug. 29—Mortgage on sterling bonds converted	3,427	5	0
Sept. 15—Advance due Sept. 15 as per statement rendered	213,790	13	7
Sept. 15—Advance due Sept. 16, as per statement rendered	213,790	13	7
Oct. 10—English Government stamp on $8,050,000 Erie Consol Bonds	1,420	0	0
Oct. 19—Payment sundry expenses, as per Mr. McHenry's instructions	80,000	0	0
Oct. 19—Advance due Oct. 16, as per statement rendered	100,250	0	0
Dec. 31—Advertisement and sundry expenses	1,858	10	2
Dec. 31—Commissions and brokerage on £19,000 mortgage and sterling bonds converted	536	5	0
Dec. 31—Commissions and brokerage on Erie Consols, as per statement	1,974	10	0
1873.			
Jan. 8—Advance due Jan. 8, less Dr. at five per cent. under reserve	403,059	4	2
Balance	23,188	12	8
Total	£1,100,753	19	10
Cr.—1872.	£	s.	d.
Aug. 2—By remittance on London	45,500	0	0
Aug. 28—By proceeds issue Consol Bonds, July 25	160,201	18	0
Aug. 29—By proceeds issue Consol Bonds, Aug. 2	113,160	0	0
Aug. 29—By proceeds issue Consol Bonds, Sept. 4	139,490	0	0
Sept. 15—Sale Consolidated Bonds	337,791	0	0
Sept. 19—By remittance	571	3	6
Sept. 19—By remittance	686	17	10
Sept. 19—By equation of interest	274	3	4
Dec. 31—By sale £190,100 bonds	165,882	5	0
Dec. 31—By sale £460,000 bonds	130,876	0	0
Dec. 31—By interest, five per cent	3,401	12	2
Total	£1,100,753	19	10
1873.			
Jan. 8—By balance due	£23,188	12	8

Mr. Dunau was then recalled, and gave some other details as to the working of the road, after which the committee adjourned the investigation until Monday morning.

Advance in Gold—Excitement in Wall-Street.

There was considerable excitement in Wall-street yesterday in consequence of the advance in the price of gold to 117. Many bankers and brokers are short of it, and will lose heavily if the price is advanced, or even maintained, at the present figure. The parties who will suffer most from a further rise, however, are the merchants who have been borrowing gold to pay the duties on their imported goods, and who will be forced to "walk up and settle" when they ask to have their loans renewed of their bankers in Wall-street. Many of these came into the street yesterday through the pelting rain to inquire regarding the price, and sounded the warning that it would not be wise to settle on the present basis rather than trust to the chances of a decline. There was an immense business done during the day by the leading houses in gold, and a general feeling prevailed that the "bull" party would still further advance the price.

The New School Board.

Dr. J. G. Holland has declined the appointment of School Commissioner, on account of the "condition of his health and the pressing nature of his private affairs," and Mr. Joseph Seligman, the Jewish banker, has been appointed in his place.

In the published lists of School Commissioners, the name of Charles E. Lewis was given in place of Charles V. Lewis, painter, of No. 71 Hudson-street. Mr. Charles E. Lewis was present at a meeting of school-teachers on Friday, and was warmly congratulated by his friends on his supposed appointment. He will be somewhat surprised to learn that the honor was conferred on another person.

Attempted Highway Robbery.

Between 3 and 4 o'clock yesterday morning John Dunford, while passing through Oliver-street, was attacked by four young men. Three of them seized him and held his arms, while the fourth rifled his pockets. They found only a few papers of no value, and returned them. The approach of an officer put the thieves to flight. They were, however, pursued, and one, who gave his name as John Nolan, was captured. Dunford recognized him as the man who searched his pockets. Nolan says he is seventeen years old, resides at No. 67 Oliver-street, and is by occupation a shoe-maker. He was committed at the Tombs, yesterday, in default of $2,000, for trial.

Theft by an Express-Driver.

John Hinchman, aged thirty-six years, residing at No. 29 Henry-street, and employed as driver for Wm. Hoey, Superintendent of Adams Express Company, No. 59 Broadway, was arrested yesterday by Capt. Kennedy, of the Sixth Precinct, on a charge of stealing a package of dress goods, valued at $261, the property of N. Gutteman, but at the time in charge of the express company, as a common carrier. Hinchman acknowledged his guilt, and was committed by Justice Hogan, in default of $1,000 bail, for trial.

Statistics for the Week.

Fifteen hundred and seventy-seven persons were arrested by the police during the past week, and 4,670 vagrants were accommodated with lodgings at the various police-stations during the same period.

There were reported last week 519 deaths, 444 births, and 120 marriages, showing a decrease of 50 deaths and 19 marriages, and an increase of 75 births. There were several cases of small-pox reported last week, but none of them proved fatal.

Fire-Marshal McSpedon reports 23 fires for the week ending at noon yesterday. Estimated loss, $6,995; insurance $16,700.

The causes of the several fires were as follows: Carelessness, 11; defective flue and furnace, 2; foul chimneys, 5; kerosene lamps, 3 overheated stove, 1; not yet ascertained, 1.

Coroner's Cases.

Coroner Keenan was yesterday notified to to hold inquests in the following cases:

Michael Walsh, aged 67 years, native of Ireland, found dead in his bed at No. 346 East Twelfth-street, yesterday morning. Cause of death unknown.

Henry Fullner, aged 58 years, native of Germany, died suddenly Friday evening, at No. 638 East Sixth-street.

Joseph A. Jackson died at No. 50 West Ninth-street, from cerebral apoplexy, caused by an assault by Eagan and Dugan, who are now in prison at Sing Sing for the offense.

GENERAL NOTES.

The Kennebec River icemen have housed 300,000 tons of "cold comfort" for next Summer.

A St. Paul paper reports a flattering increase of business in the Police Court of that city.

Congressman Eli Perry will buy United States bonds with his back-pay, and then cancel the bonds.

Hon. John A. Peters is urged by the Bangor *Whig* for the vacancy on the Bench of the Supreme Court of Maine.

The State Anti-secret Society Association has held a convention in Syracuse this week, about 200 persons being present.

The Chicago *Inter-Ocean* has been in existence a year, and already has a libel suit for half a million dollars on hand.

The Supreme Court of Illinois has decided that a man in that State is not responsible for a slander uttered by his wife.

Already about 350 estimates of the cotton crop have been submitted in the Augusta, Ga., pool. They vary from 3,550,000 bales to 4,100,000 bales.

Newport is excited by the rumor that Jay Gould has sold his entire interest in the Narragansett Steam-ship Company to parties in Providence.

The Cincinnati *Enquirer* favors the change of the Presidential inauguration day to May or June, that the danger from stormy weather may be avoided.

Fifteen Detroit clergymen have published an open letter to Gov. Dix, commending his course in the Foster case. Capital punishment has been abolished in Michigan.

The St. Louis *Westliche Post* has indorsed the Republican city ticket, partly on account of its excellent character, and partly as a rebuke from the Germans to the Democrats.

The presentation of $50,000 has induced the managers of the Chicago Old Ladies' Home to enlarge its scope, and to admit destitute respectable men on the shady side of sixty.

Mr. Chester Adams, of Hartford, bequeathed $200,000 to public purposes. Trinity College, the Hartford Hospital, and the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society receive nearly $60,000 each.

The Chicago *Times* thinks "the new party," if it is to be organized, must be kept free from all suspicion of being an emanation of that unnatural and abortive compact, the Cincinnati-Baltimore fusion of last year.

Prof. David Murray, of Rutgers College, who has been employed by the Educational Department of Japan, is now in Washington, receiving from the Bureau of Education reports and other information to aid him in the discharge of his interesting duties in Japan.

A Missouri paper complains that the Legislature of that State accomplished nothing but the disgrace of the Democratic Party and a row with the Governor. From beginning to end, it says, it was under the control of a corrupt lobby, and it leaves behind it only the odor of a bad name.

A bill has been introduced in the Massachusetts Legislature by some over-zealous member, placing all publications which illustrate or describe the commission of crime in the same category with obscene publications, and forbidding the sale of them under the same penalties.

Dr. P. W. Ellsworth, a Hartford surgeon, opposes the execution of criminals by hanging, and proposes that they be stupefied by chloroform and their heads then blown off with a loaded cannon. The disfigurement of the person, he says, may be objectionable, but there would be absolutely no pain.

A New-York correspondent publishes a slanderous and absurd story concerning prominent individuals in this City, and then adds: "I give this gossip for what it is worth, without at all confirming its correctness." And of such trash many of these letters from this City for country readers are composed.

Democratic, ex-confederate Kentucky soldiers are writing letters to the Cincinnati *Gazette*, deprecating the Kuklux outrages in their State, and showing the necessity for their suppression, realizing at last that they are retarding immigration into the State, hindering the development of its resources, prostrating industry, and checking enterprise.

MILITARY GOSSIP.

The left wing of the Seventy-first Regiment, Col. Vose, is directed to assemble at the State Arsenal for drill and instruction on Monday next.

The following changes are reported in the Seventy-first:

Resignations—Capt. William H. Benjamin, Jan. 22, 1873; Capt. Charles H. Leland, Feb. 19, 1873; Adjt. George A. J. Norman, Jan. 22, 1873; Lieut. John B. Davenport, Feb. 25, 1873; Lieut. James B. Coe, Feb. 25, 1873. Commissioned—Quartermaster Thomas L. Raymond, Major, vice Henry C. Lockwood, promoted; First Lieut. Stephen Curtis, Captain, vice Henry K. White, resigned; Commissary Sergt. David Graham, Adjutant, vice Geo. A. J. Norman, resigned; Benjamin J. Guibert, Quartermaster, vice T. L. Raymond, promoted; James L. Hall, Chaplain, vice E. Benjamin, term expired; Isaac P. Chambers, Assistant Commissary of Subsistence, vice De Witt C. Arnold, retired. The following promotions and appointments are announced: Corporal Robert Curren to be Commissary Sergeant, vice David Graham, promoted; Sergt. Russel T. Coe to be Sergeant Standard-bearer, vice George H. Glenny, discharged; Corporal Maurice Lee to be Sergeant Standard-bearer, vice Edward B. Choate, promoted.

Lieut.-Col. John Howard Gray, of the First Regiment Infantry, has tendered his resignation in consequence of his business requiring his presence in Europe.

The Ninth Regiment, Col. Braine, will assemble at the State Arsenal for battalion drill, April 7 and 8th, and will parade for drill in Tompkins-square April 23.

The Twenty-second, Col. Porter, will be reviewed and inspected by Gen. Morris on the 25th prox. Target practice takes place at the armory of the regiment every Saturday evening, though the attendance at present is rather small.

A court-martial, for the trial of offenses in the First Battalion Cavalry will commence at the armory Monday evening.

The members of Company F, Ninth Regiment, are requested to assemble in citizens' dress, white gloves, with the usual badge of mourning at Taylor's Hotel, Jersey City, to-day at 11 A. M., for the purpose of attending the funeral services of Edward Lockstand, which will be held at his late residence, No. 393 Fifth-street, Jersey City, at 1 P. M.

Gen. Morris will continue his tour of inspection this week, commencing with the Second Division as follows: April 2, Separate Troops of Cavalry, at the State Arsenal, Portland-avenue, Brooklyn, also, Batteries A and B; April 3, Fifteenth Battalion of Infantry and Separate Troop of Cavalry, Fifth Brigade, at arsenal; April 8, Thirty-second Regiment of Infantry and Separate Troop of Cavalry, Eleventh Brigade, at Williamsburg Armory; April 10, Seventh Regiment of Infantry, at the north side of Union-square, at 4½ P. M.; Thirteenth Regiment of Infantry, at State Arsenal, Portland-avenue, Brooklyn; April 15, Twenty-third Regiment of Infantry, at State Arsenal, Portland-avenue, Brooklyn; Howitzer Battery, Eleventh Brigade, at State Arsenal, Portland-avenue, Brooklyn; April 17, Twenty-eighth Regiment of Infantry, at State Arsenal, Brooklyn; April 18, Fourteenth Regiment of Infantry, at State Arsenal, Brooklyn; April 25, Twenty-second Regiment of Infantry, at its armory, Fourteenth-street. Gen. Morris will probably visit the regiments at Newburg, Poughkeepsie, Kingston, Albany, and Troy, in May, and the National Guard Regiments at Syracuse, Rochester, and Buffalo in June.

The Twelfth will parade at the State Arsenal April 14.

The nomination of Hon. James W. Husted as Major-General of the Fifth Division N. Y. S. N. G., has been confirmed by the Senate.

The Chasseurs de Berri, T. S. Callahan (Ninth Regiment, Massachusetts) to an exhibition drill for a prize of $100 to $1,000, has been accepted for the smaller sum, by two members of the Heath Zouaves of Fitchburg.

The commander of the San Francisco Cadets, Capt. C. E. S. McDonald, proposes shortly to demonstrate that a body of troops can be trained to execute orders without depending on sight for uniformity of action, by giving a public exhibition drill of the cadets, who will go through the movements laid down in the *School of the Soldier* with their eyes bandaged.

The act relating to soldiers' homesteads, passed by the late Congress, appears to have been somewhat misunderstood. It simply provides that whereas the law of 1872 permits soldiers to enter homesteads on what are called "double minimum lands," or lands within the limits of railway land grants, and that many soldiers had, prior to its passage, entered homesteads within such limits of eighty acres each, and are unable, under its provisions, to avail themselves of the advantages of entering 160 acres of those lands, therefore the second section of the law is amended as follows:

That any person entitled under the provisions of the foregoing sections to enter a homestead, who may have heretofore entered under the Homestead law a quantity of land less than 160 acres, shall be permitted to enter so much land as, when added to the quantity previously entered, shall not exceed 160 acres.

All other propositions to amend the law failed to pass.

Official reports state that the total losses of the German army during the late war, in killed and wounded, amounted to 127,867 men, of whom 5,166 were officers, 88 surgeons and assistants, 12,208 subalterns, and 110,436 rank and file. The infantry loss was 17.6 per cent.; the cavalry, 6.3 per cent.; artillery, 6.5 per cent.; engineers, 2.8 per cent., and train, 0.3 per cent. The loss among majors and colonels foots up to nearly 27 per cent.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARIES.

Arrest of Three Notorious Thieves—An Officer Fired at and Wounded.

At 1 o'clock yesterday morning, while Patrolman Richard Jackson, of the Eighth Precinct Police, was on duty in Mercer-street, his attention was attracted by three men who were standing in front of a building in Mercer near Canal-street. As the officer approached, the men walked rapidly away and disappeared. Their movements were of so singular a nature that he had his suspicions aroused, and at once commenced an examination of the doors of the stores and warehouses in the vicinity, to see if any of them had been tampered with. On reaching the buildings, Nos. 9, 11 and 13 Mercer-street, occupied by John C. Kohlsaat, importer of laces and trimming goods, he found that the padlock on the main door had been removed and another substituted therefor. The new padlock was of similar pattern to the old one, but was somewhat smaller, and this discrepancy in the size betrayed the change. Being convinced that an attempt would be made to enter this warehouse, the officer concealed himself to watch for further developments. He had been on the look-out but a few moments when one of the doors was turned from Canal into Mercer-street, and walked rapidly past the doorway in which the policeman was hidden. The officer noticed that since he had first seen him he had changed hats with one of his accomplices. As this man passed the officer sprang upon him. He at once recognized him as Wesley Allen, an old offender, and one of the smartest thieves in the country. Allen resisted and attempted to break away from the policeman, but was soon brought to terms and capitulated. He was taken to the Prince-street Police Station, and on being searched a new pad-lock, two keys, and a formidable looking jack-knife were found in his possession. One of his pockets was also filled with cayenne pepper. While Officer Jackson was engaged in arresting Wes. Allen he noticed another of the men whom he had been watching turning into Mercer-street from Canal-street, listening to the end of his companion. Jackson thereupon sounded an alarm, and the call was answered by Officer Maloney, who was on post in Canal-street. At the appearance of the last-named officer the second burglar fled through Howard-street, toward Broadway, closely pursued by the officer, who overtook and captured him as he reached that thoroughfare. As soon as the fugitive found himself seized, he turned at bay, and throwing a handful of red pepper into the officer's eyes, broke his hold, and ran across Broadway into the Fourteenth Precinct. Officer Maloney, though half blind from the effects of the pepper, and suffering from pain, pursued the fugitive, and succeeded in capturing him. He made a desperate resistance, and the officer was compelled to use his club with great severity before his prisoner surrendered. He was taken to the Prince-street Police Station, where he gave his name as John C. Coles, but was at once recognized as Martin Allen, a well-known burglar, and one of the most desperate burglars and bank robbers known to the police. During his flight he threw away three large canvass bags, which had been prepared for the purpose of carrying away the plunder. In his possession were found a safe-key, some matches, and a quantity of red pepper. He was also locked up at the station-house. Subsequently Capt. McCullagh, of the Eighth Precinct, received information that the third man who was with the Allens was Henry Wiley, alias "Shorts," a skilful burglar, who had been arrested several weeks ago, but discharged for lack of sufficient evidence. Search was made for Wiley, and he was found at 5½ o'clock yesterday evening in the house No. 164 Wooster-street, where he had taken refuge. On being searched at the station-house, a pair of gasfitter's pliers and several ounces of red pepper were found in his possession. The three prisoners were yesterday brought to the Detective Office, and shown to the officers, to whom they were, however, well known. While in the Detective Office they complained to Capt. Irving that they had been clubbed by Capt. McCullagh after they were locked up in the cells at the station-house, but Capt. McCullagh says that there is not the slightest particle of truth in this statement, and that all the clubbing they got was done by the officers while making the arrest. The prisoners were subsequently taken before Justice Cox, at the Jefferson Market Police Court, and committed to await examination. Wesley Allen has been but four weeks out of State Prison, where he was sent for picking pockets. Martin Allen, is is believed, is wanted at several prisons out West from which he has escaped. Capt. McCullagh is under the impression that he is also wanted at Sing Sing to serve out an unexpired term, and has notified the prison authorities of his capture.

Shortly before midnight on Friday, while Patrolman Jonathan J. Haggerty, Seventh Precinct Police, was on duty in South-street, near Market-street, he noticed a suspicious-looking individual standing near a lamp post in front of Hobby's store-house, No. 339 South-street. As Haggerty approached, the stranger said "Get out!" and thereupon three men rushed from the cellar of Hobby's store, and joined the man who had evidently been a lamp-post lounger, and a formidable looking jack-knife were found in his possession. One of his pockets was also filled with cayenne pepper. While Officer Jackson was engaged in arresting Wes. Allen he noticed another of the men whom he had been watching turning into Mercer-street from Canal-street, listening to the end of his companion. Jackson thereupon sounded an alarm, and the call was answered by Officer Maloney, who was on post in Canal-street. At the appearance of the last-named officer the second burglar fled through Howard-street, toward Broadway, closely pursued by the officer, who overtook and captured him as he reached that thoroughfare. As soon as the fugitive found himself seized, he turned at bay, and throwing a handful of red pepper into the officer's eyes, broke his hold, and ran across Broadway into the Fourteenth Precinct. Officer Maloney, though half blind from the effects of the pepper, and suffering from pain, pursued the fugitive, and succeeded in capturing him. He made a desperate resistance, and the officer was compelled to use his club with great severity before his prisoner surrendered. He was taken to the Prince-street Police Station, where he gave his name as John C. Coles, but was at once recognized as Martin Allen, a well-known burglar, and one of the most desperate burglars and bank robbers known to the police. During his flight he threw away three large canvass bags, which had been prepared for the purpose of carrying away the plunder. In his possession were found a safe-key, some matches, and a quantity of red pepper. He was also locked up at the station-house. Subsequently Capt. McCullagh, of the Eighth Precinct, received information that the third man who was with the Allens was Henry Wiley, alias "Shorts," a skilful burglar, who had been arrested several weeks ago, but discharged for lack of sufficient evidence. Search was made for Wiley, and he was found at 5½ o'clock yesterday evening in the house No. 164 Wooster-street, where he had taken refuge. On being searched at the station-house, a pair of gasfitter's pliers and several ounces of red pepper were found in his possession. The three prisoners were yesterday brought to the Detective Office, and shown to the officers, to whom they were, however, well known. While in the Detective Office they complained to Capt. Irving that they had been clubbed by Capt. McCullagh after they were locked up in the cells at the station-house, but Capt. McCullagh says that there is not the slightest particle of truth in this statement, and that all the clubbing they got was done by the officers while making the arrest. The prisoners were subsequently taken before Justice Cox, at the Jefferson Market Police Court, and committed to await examination. Wesley Allen has been but four weeks out of State Prison, where he was sent for picking pockets. Martin Allen, is is believed, is wanted at several prisons out West from which he has escaped. Capt. McCullagh is under the impression that he is also wanted at Sing Sing to serve out an unexpired term, and has notified the prison authorities of his capture.

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Street Assessments.

In the Court of Common Pleas, Special Term, Judge Robinson, yesterday rendered a decision of interest in relation to the regularity of proceedings imposing assessments for street-paving. There were four suits in all brought by Messrs. Crevier, Freeborn, Lagrave, and Voorhies, the first for the purpose of enjoining the City against collecting assessments for the paving of Seventh and South streets. The suit of plaintiffs was based on irregularities in advertising, &c., for the assessment. In the first two suits there was set up the special plea that the property had been already once assessed for paving, and that a second assessment for the same purpose was illegal.

In 1872 an act was passed providing that no assessment, in the absence of fraud, should be invalid by reason of any irregularity in the form of the proceeding, but excepting from the operations of the provisions of the act all cases where proceedings to set aside the assessment had been instituted prior to January, 1872.

The same act authorized a reassessment on the certificate of the Controller, and excepted cases where the property had been once assessed for paving.

Judge Robinson holds that, though in some sense retroactive, the act was not unconstitutional, because it referred to the form of proceeding without affecting the validity of contracts. He holds, therefore, that Lagrave and Voorhies are entitled to an injunction restraining the collection of the assessment, or its being a lien on the property, because of the irregularity of the action of the Board of Assessors, but admitting the right of the City to have a reassessment in conformity with the provisions of the act of 1872.

In the other two cases—Crevier and Freeborn—he holds that as the subject of the assessment was excepted entirely from the act, and the irregularities complained of are fatal without the act, the plaintiffs are entitled to an absolute injunction.

The Kirwan Homicide—Post Mortem-Examination.

Deputy Coroner Dr. Beach made a post-mortem examination yesterday of the body of Catherine Kirwan, who died Friday evening at the Park Hospital, it is alleged, from the effects of injuries inflicted by her husband at their residence, No. 41 Washington-street. There were bruises on the face, arms, and body, a severe bruise on the lower part of the abdomen, and beneath this last bruise was found a large quantity of extravasated blood. In the immediate vicinity of the last were two wounds, one an inch and the other a half inch long, parallel with each other. In the opinion of Dr. Beach, the wounds were the result of a violent blow, and death was caused by hemorrhage. Coroner Keenan has caused the arrest of a Mrs. Barrett, whose residence is in Madison, N. J., in whose company the deceased was last seen. She will be detained to await the result of the Coroner's investigation, which is set down for Monday. She voluntarily stated that Mrs. Kirwan showed her where her husband, Patrick, had kicked her, exhibiting several black and blue marks and other contusions. She stated also that when the husband entered the room to get dinner, she left, and as to what happened after that she cannot say. She positively is of opinion that Kirwan maltreated his wife before that.

THE TAMMANY FRAUDS.

The Board of Supervisors and the Charges Against Their Clerk.

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Like all mysterious murders which have preceded it, the Goodrich case shows the incapacity of the police to deal with any affair which requires the exercise of a little common sense. In the Brooklyn tragedy the only achievement of the officers, thus far, is the arrest and imprisonment of a young woman, whom they do not charge with any complicity in the crime, but merely suspect to know something more than she has told. By this stretch of law and defiance of justice Chief CAMPBELL does not seem to have aided in the discovery of the murderer, but he would have succeeded in bringing the aged parents and innocent child of his prisoner to absolute starvation had not the account of their condition, published in THE TIMES, induced several benevolent people to relieve their most pressing necessities. If the detained woman really knows anything of importance regarding the murder, which does not appear, it would be easy to keep her under such surveillance as would secure her attendance when necessary, and yet allow her to pursue her ordinary avocations for the benefit of those who are wholly dependent upon her. The Brooklyn Chief of Police might certainly nurse his theories, and prove himself unequal to the task he has in hand, without violating the spirit of the law or starving several innocent people.

The Legislature of 1871 had too much work on hand for its master TWEED to give any attention to the very able report on local taxation submitted to it by Messrs. WELLS, DODGE, and CUYLER, the commission appointed to investigate the subject. More exciting subjects came in, subsequently, to divert public attention from the data and conclusions embodied in this report. The entire question was reopened last night, by Mr. WELLS, in a lecture before the Union League Club, of which we present a very full report. The lecture ought to be studied by every tax-payer. It has a vital bearing on the prosperity and development of the entire State, and bears a very special relation to the interests of the tax-paying class in this City.

Mr. P. H. WATSON, President of the Erie Railroad, is doubtless an excellent man, and not deficient in honest impulses. He has got a little contaminated, however, by the influences amid which he works. Witness his apology for the money expended in changing the board, on the ground that the Erie shareholders had a right to do as they pleased with their own property. Apart from the essentially immoral basis on which this too familiar dictum rests, is it true that the Erie Railroad is the "property" of the shareholders in the same sense as a building lot is the property of its purchaser? In obtaining certain valuable franchises from the public, the Erie Corporation made a distinct contract with the public to perform certain duties. To swell the amount of their indebtedness by illegal or disreputable means is a breach of such contract, because it affords a pretext for charging higher freights in order to repay such obligations. On this and other grounds, we do not think that the Erie stockholders can do as they like with "their own property."

The farmers of the North-west have determined to act upon the principle that those are helped who help themselves. In addition to the proposed general combination against the railways which we have noticed, we find that the farmers of Kansas have formed a Co-operative State Association, with objects entirely distinct from those of agricultural societies generally. The resolutions adopted at Topeka, declare against the present rate of taxation, National, State, and local; against giving the banks a monopoly of the national currency, and insist that railroad freight and fares shall be limited by law. They further pledge the farmers to ignore all political influences and prejudices, and to support only such men for office as are known to be true to the interests of the farmers. This is only one of the many indications constantly coming to us that the farmers of the West and North-west are aroused to the necessity of doing something to relieve themselves from the hardships under which they believe they suffer. There is a suggestion in this fact that cannot be safely overlooked, in calculating the political probabilities of the future, as this concerted action of a leading interest, to become effective, must of necessity become political to the extent that it will seek to control elections.

Contrite Congressmen continue to multiply all over the land, and as the salary grab is thrust before their agonized eyes by an indignant people, each exclaims, as did *Macbeth* to the ghost of *Banquo*. Each one of them has a moving tale of his herculean labors to defeat the Butler amendment, and each defies mankind in general to find any of the stolen property on his person. Among the latest publications on this interesting theme, is a letter from Gen. GARFIELD, of Ohio, who states the efforts he made to defeat BUTLER'S grab, but if having been incorporated, in spite of these efforts, in his Appropriation bill, he was forced to vote for the bill as a whole. Nobody suspected that Gen. GARFIELD was in favor of the steal, nor was it necessary for Mr. STARKWEATHER, of Connecticut, to explain, as he has, that he did not take the money. These explanations, from those who did what they could to save the nation from the disgrace of this measure, are comforting to a certain extent, but the public would relish much more keenly some statements from those who voted for the steal and pocketed the proceeds. Whoever among them will come forward with a defense of his conduct will be sure of a notoriety that will be sufficiently extensive, however undesirable it may prove.

An unreasonable individual makes some ridiculous propositions in a Pennsylvania paper. A bill being before the Legislature requiring refined oil to be brought to a test of 190°, this person demands that the legislators should acquire some practical knowledge of the subject before acting upon it, and hopes they will adjourn before "perpetrating any nonsense." A great many people have demanded and hoped in this way before, but without much success, and we fear the Pennsylvania enthusiast as to oil is doomed to disappointment. When legislators take pains to inform themselves as to what they are doing, and fail to perpetrate any nonsense the millennium will be at hand. A somewhat careful scrutiny of the proceedings of the State Legislatures this Winter, our own included, has not afforded us any indication of the near approach of a desired period.

Having to perform the mournful duty of nominating candidates to be defeated, with one exception, at the next State election, the Democracy of Michigan has just been assembled in State Convention, and, of course, resolved at great length, and with extreme vigor, concerning Republican iniquities. They were doleful about many things, and especially exercised regarding the "fearful demoralization of the times," as evidenced in the Credit Mobilier and salary scandals, for which the Republicans were, of course, wholly responsible; but they plainly hoped for nothing better from the Democrats, as they say, "With such views we should prefer organization independent of past party associations." They then express a wish to "carry no dead issues into future political contests"—meaning, evidently, that they cannot hope to win as Democrats. We do not wonder that a convention which came to a conclusion so sensible put the Republican candidate for Supreme Judge at the head of its ticket, and thus made a certainty of electing one of its nominees.

Burglars appear to be exceptionally industrious at present, and it is satisfactory to find three cases reported in which their operations were frustrated by the vigilance and industry of the police. In two of these the outlaws showed themselves ready to resort to any extremity in order to escape arrest, in one case firing several pistol-shots at the officer, and in the other throwing pepper in his eyes. These facts are suggestions of the need of renewed industry and severity upon the part of the District-Attorney and the judges who have already done so much to check this lawlessness. In one of the cases to which we are referring, two notorious law-breakers were secured by the police, and very much will be done to awe the professional burglars into submission to the law if they are promptly and summarily punished.

Claims for City Advertising.

If certain newspapers had displayed half the zeal in warring against the corrupt practices of our local Government that they have displayed, and in several cases are still displaying, in the attempt to participate in these practices themselves, the work of reforming the administration of the City of New-York would have been a good deal easier. That payments for City advertising came under the Tweed administration to be used as a vast corruption fund, is a fact with which the public is tolerably familiar. That the adjustment of the very extensive arrears of Corporation advertising left as a legacy of Tammany misrule, has been a work of peculiar delicacy and difficulty, is equally well known It was found that prior to 1872 there were outstanding claims against the City held by at least eighty different newspapers. The names of more than one-half of these are entirely unknown to the general public, and fully one-half of the total amount claimed was, in one way or other, either fraudulent or illegal in its origin. As a result of the active lobbying of several impecunious newspaper proprietors, a bill was passed by the last Legislature, doing very ample justice to the newspapers. In fact, under its provisions, several disreputable journals tried to get a good deal more than justice, by endeavoring to establish, through the aid of the courts, a meaning of the word "audit" which would cancel half the crimes of TWEED and CONNOLLY, and entirely cover the "ministerial" delinquencies of ex-Mayor HALL.

Defeated in the attempt to establish the validity of an advertisement by the simple fact of its insertion, without regard to either its legal authority or the rate at which it was charged, some of the papers aggrieved by an honest and thorough sifting of their claims, have had recourse to this Legislature for a new law which shall allow them to make a raid on the City Treasury, in defiance either of legal rules of audit or equitable modes of examination. Several bills have been introduced into the Legislature for this purpose, one of them, at least, under the disreputable paternity of Assemblyman "MIKE" NORTON. "Skilled talent" has, of course, been summoned to the aid of these measures of retrospective robbery. We have before us a memorial "to the members of the Senate and Assembly," which sets forth a number of so-called "reasons" why the Legislature should pass "an act providing for the examination and payment of newspaper claims." This memorial is signed by THOMAS W. PITTMAN and MAUNSELL B. FIELD, "of counsel." These gentlemen claim, as we are informed, to represent the New-York *Herald*, the *Evening Telegram*, and the *Sunday Mercury*. Now, all these papers have had their claims already examined and disposed of by the Board of Audit, with the following result: The *Herald* claimed $44,875 and was allowed $33,470; *Telegram* claimed $27,217 and was allowed $13,847; while the *Mercury* claimed $46,331 and was allowed $13,804.

We know nothing of the ground on which these heavy deductions were made. We only know that they were the result of a uniform system which meted out the same measure of justice to everybody, and under which the public treasury was saved from expending a single dollar which it was not legally entitled to pay. Of course, a rigid system like this applied to indebtedness which had been incurred under the loose administrative methods of the last five years, was pretty sure to involve a certain amount of injustice to individual claimants. Respectable newspapers had accepted advertisements in perfect good faith from City officials, who had no legal authority to give out such contracts, and in various other ways claims having no element of fraud had to be cut down under a strictly judicial audit. Whatever may be the extent of such hardships, it is trifling in comparison with the enormous gain to the public interest and the very considerable saving to the public purse, represented in the application of rigid methods of audit to local indebtedness. Newspapers that made noisy, if somewhat late professions of attachment to Reform principles, ought to have recognized a special obligation to pocket a slight personal loss for the sake of a great public benefit. In any case, the courts were open to them, if the wrong was of a kind susceptible of legal redress. To use the courts only for the purpose of trying to evade the strict execution of law; to pursue the members of the Examining Board with mean and disgusting slanders; to hound down the head of the Finance Department by a course of reckless aspersion, and then to appeal to the Legislature again, to put through certain corrupt enactments for their personal benefit, are things which have been done in this matter by journals claiming to be reputable.

A course of action like this amounts to a confession of a fraudulent design on the public treasury. That the proprietor of the *Herald* and *Telegram* should stand sponsor for such action may surprise some people; that the proprietors of the vile sheet which makes common cause in this effort to swindle the public, should so act will surprise nobody. In addition to warning the people and their representatives against the bill or bills placed under the charge of Messrs. PITTMAN and FIELD, we take leave to protest against the cool impertinence of these persons in the free and unrestricted use of the phrase "newspaper proprietors" and against their palming off on the Legislature buncombe like this:

"It is sufficient to know that these claims are held by many gentlemen who now stand in the foremost ranks of American journalism—men who are the chroniclers of the times, and whose opinions are daily contributing to instruct the people in public affairs, and who, to a great extent, sway our political, social and moral destinies—men of unimpeachable integrity and of unassailable honor," &c., &c.

If Messrs. PITTMAN and FIELD are ashamed of their employers, they have no right to try to degrade the entire New-York Press by professing to act for it. If their employers are ashamed of the work undertaken by their agents, they have equally little right to speak in the name of such of their contemporaries as have some character to lose. It may be suggested to the journals reported to be engaged in this dirty business, that they should either disavow it, or abstain in all time coming from criticising the retrospective "steal" of the Forty-second Congress, the dishonesty of the Credit Mobilier scheme, or even the towering infamy of TWEED.

The University Boat-Race.

The great University boat-race of 1873 is over. The picked crews of Oxford and Cambridge have once more rowed over the course between Mortlake and Putney, where so many other University crews have strained their lungs and muscles in the fierce struggle for a watery victory. London has again made its annual pilgrimage up the river, in order that a thousand or so of its citizens might catch a glimpse of the oarsmen as they flashed along their course, and that other thousands might enjoy the happiness of gazing at the back-hair of the fortunate ones who lined the river's bank, and of cheering vaguely as the invisible athletes shot by. The backers of Cambridge have collected their winnings and drank their subsequent libations of triumph, and all England has read the account of the great race, and has strengthened itself in the conviction that no people except the English are capable of rowing racing-shells, or of doing anything else that is, at the same time, athletic, noble, and conducive to the sale of unlimited beer.

The young men who have just endured a long privation of tobacco and late morning naps; who have faced, in scanty clothing, the cold March winds, and have pulled at their oars until they were at the point of breaking all sorts of blood vessels, are certainly entitled to credit for their splendid protest against that neglect of bodily cultivation which is the crying evil of modern civilization. We have departed so widely from the Greek worship of physical perfection, that we have passed to the opposite extreme of regarding the body as something essentially indecent, and prone, when treated with anything like respect, to assume an attitude of hostility to the spiritual nature, and to drag the latter down—if possible—to a shameful state of servitude. The University boat-race has its objectionable features. It is not impossible that the training which the men undergo breaks down the constitution, and opens the door to paralysis, heart-disease, and other inconvenient maladies. The race is, nevertheless, a recognition of the worth and beauty of our physical nature. It is a public profession of homage to the human body. As such, it is of infinite value to the English people, and deserves to be ranked among the best educating influences that go forth from the gray walls of Oxford and Cambridge.

For the University race, the great athletic anniversary of England, is not to be looked upon simply as an isolated event. It not only excites a love of boating among the English youth, and even among the college boys of America, but it gives a powerful impulse to athletic sports of every description. Its influence is wide and lasting, and if the university boating man is looked upon by his more studious fellows as one who sells his classical and mathematical opportunities for a worthless mess of aquatic pottage, he can solace himself with the reflection that his example will have its share in making the next generation of Englishmen stronger, healthier, and therefore better than they would have been had he spent his university life in acquiring Greek, and his subsequent days in industriously forgetting it.

Next Summer, our own University regatta is to take place, and already nine colleges have signified their intention to share in it. If the choice of March as the month for the great English boat-race is not altogether a wise one, our custom of rowing under the blazing sun of Midsummer is certainly still more injudicious. Nothing is gained in the cause of physical culture by subjecting young men to the imminent danger of sunstroke. Neither is there any reason why the crowd which will assemble at Springfield to watch the good rowing of the victorious crew and the misdirected energies of those who are beaten by bad coaching, should be made to endure the torture of an August night spent in the air-tight bedrooms of provincial hotels. If the University regatta were to be fixed for the middle of June, the crew could count upon a complete absence of wind; for experience has shown that our yacht-club, which selects that season for its regatta, is rarely incommoded with anything like a breeze. Smooth water and a moderate temperature are the conditions of comfortable rowing, and if the college boating-men would fix the time of their next regatta in the early part of Summer, they would both consult their own comfort and earn the thanks of the public.

The Death Penalty.

The logic of the opponents of capital punishment is not always strong, and it never shows to good advantage under strong excitement. There is no doubting the excitement under which this class of the community is now laboring, and there is no end to the peculiarities of their logic. Only the other day one of the journals which has made itself conspicuous as an advocate for the abolition of the death penalty cited the murder of CHARLES GOODRICH, in Brooklyn, on Thursday night, as a proof of the futility of hanging FOSTER in New-York on Friday morning. According to this writer, if the example of an execution does not work backward, it does not work at all.

It would not be fair to deny that there are revolting features in the administration of the law for the punishment of murder, and that there are grave defects as well. An execution in the presence of a miscellaneous crowd, is a demoralizing spectacle, and its bad effects are pretty sure to nearly balance its good ones. And certainly the long struggle for delay and clemency, which inevitably follows conviction in the case of any prisoner commanding money and influence enough to sustain such a struggle, is evil in its influence on the community.

But it is not on these arguments, or such as these, that the opposition to capital punishment is based. It is, instead, generally claimed that it is wrong to take human life, because if it be taken by error, the injustice can never be remedied; because it is irrevocably consigning a human soul to an unknown, and possibly eternally unhappy, fate; and because human life, in itself, has an inviolable sanctity. These arguments have the fatal defect of being pertinent to a condition of society which has not yet been attained, and which is only very remotely attainable. No great penalty is ever inflicted without the gravest danger of committing an irremediable injustice. No man compelled wrongfully to spend years of his life in prison, in punishment for an alleged degrading offense, can ever have made up to him the injury he receives. Again, whatever risk of future misery exists in taking life in the name of the community is taken in case of war, and whatever sanctity there is in human life is then violated. The world is not yet ready to abandon war, or to acknowledge a rule of conduct absolutely inconsistent with the duty of national defense. On the contrary, every country trains a portion of its citizens in the destruction of life, and nearly every man, in a free country, at least, believes fully that there are interests of the community of which he forms a part worth more than his life, or than many thousand lives. While this is true, it is idle to argue that society cannot take life to protect life.

Another argument used against the infliction of capital punishment is that juries will not convict murderers, if sentence of death is to follow, but will, if sentence of life-imprisonment is to be substituted. On this point we confess there has been very little evidence produced. Juries do disagree very often in murder cases. Do they disagree any less often in other obscure cases? Murder is often, under our law, a difficult crime to fasten definitely on any prisoner. The question of intent is rarely easily settled. The attempts of judges to lay down the principles by which it can be decided show plainly enough the inherent difficulty of dealing with it. No two judges' charges produce exactly the same impression on even intelligent minds. They often produce conflicting and confusing impressions on minds of the kind the jury-box furnishes. There is, so far as we have seen, no evidence as to the influence exerted by the death penalty in deterring juries from finding verdicts of guilty.

We do not need to point out to our readers that the question is not a simple one, and that a few rambling figures, pitched together from Rhode Island and Wisconsin, will not solve it. Nor will the well-meant, but unreasoning, sentimentality of the prominent advocates of the abolition of the death penalty do away with all difficulties. The men and women who believe the present system better than any that has been proposed in its favor may be bloodthirsty, but they are not so dangerous as the desperadoes of our great cities, whom capital punishment is intended to restrain. We confess we should be less moved over the execution of every tenant of "murderers' row," than we are by the daily reports that we are compelled to read of murders and murderous assaults upon innocent persons in this City. Every one knows what is meant by the dangerous class in this community. For our part we should not deem it an unmerciful thing, if it were possible, to sweep that class into their graves, that the half million of men and women who earn an honest living in New-York might do so in safety.

The law for the punishment of murder is open to much improvement. Better juries could be provided. Appeals could be simplified, and the time necessary to complete them be shortened. The pardoning power could be differently regulated, and lodged in a council rather than in one person, incumbered already with engrossing duties. These and kindred changes, which would make the punishment of murder sure and swift, would be the most merciful reforms that could just now be tried.

The City Prison Problem.

Recent events have made it evident that the City must speedily be provided with a new prison. It was certain that whenever public attention should be directed to the unsightly and unhealthful structure which now serves for that purpose, the Tombs would be doomed. The examination and report just made by a committee of the Board of Aldermen and the report of a sanitary inspector to the Board of Health have had the effect of calling this attention to the present City prison, and it is condemned as wholly inadequate and unsuited to the purposes for which it is used. Built to accommodate 120 prisoners, the daily average confined within its walls is over 400, and erected many years ago on piles driven into the refuse of the "Collect" pond, it has none of the modern appliances to secure complete drainage and ventilation. These cannot be obtained nor the capacity of the prison increased, except by the entire reconstruction of the buildings, at a cost which would be sufficient to provide a new structure, in a more convenient and healthful locality.

These facts would justify the purchase of another site, and the erection of these new buildings, but a letter which we publish from one of our most eminent sanitarians and public-spirited citizens points out how this may be avoided, a new prison secured, and proper hospital facilities provided at the same time. The scheme is to convert Bellevue Hospital to its original purpose of a prison, and remove the hospital to one of the islands where it properly belongs. The advantages of this plan are numerous and palpable. The City owns the site of Bellevue, and no ground need be purchased; the buildings there are ample to accommodate the prison, all the criminal courts, the District-Attorney's offices, and the coroners. The cost of reconstructing them to fit them for their new use would not be one-fourth what the Tombs would sell for. The removal of these various courts and offices would vacate rooms in the City Hall, and the public building in City Hall Park, which would accommodate at least two of the City executive departments, thus saving a large amount annually in rents. With the ample site at Bellevue, there would be space for carrying on various prison industries, and there is no reason why the support of the City Prison should not be devolved in a great measure on the prisoners themselves.

Another and chief advantage of this scheme, is, that it compels the City to resort immediately to a hospital system in accordance with the enlightenment of the age. Medical experience has declared distinctly against large hospitals, and their evils are so apparent and so disgraceful to the community which permits them, that the City must very shortly abandon Bellevue, and resort to small reception hospitals in different localities, with a convalescent hospital of moderate capacity beyond the limits of the City. For the latter purpose, a building is already provided in the Inebriate Asylum, which is almost unused, and which would fully meet all the needs of many years to come, while the few inebriates who come into public keeping can be provided for elsewhere at very little cost. As to the reception hospitals, the City already has two, and the two others which would be required can be obtained without delay, and at trifling expense.

It is so evident that the City would be greatly benefited by carrying this scheme into execution that it should meet with general favor. There can be no jobbery about it, for no ground is to be purchased and no buildings erected. The City by one operation, secures the ample and healthful City prison which is admitted to be absolutely essential, and reforms its hospital accommodations in a way that it must do very shortly. It brings all of its criminal courts and prosecuting officers with the persons they are to deal with on one side, saving the expense and danger of transporting prisoners to and from the courts for trial. When a reform is so obvious and feasible there should be no delay in accomplishing it, and we hope that this may be speedily achieved. If any legislation is needed, the bill recently introduced in the Assembly by Mr. BLACKIE, appointing the Mayor, Controller, and President of the Board of Aldermen, a commission to provide a new City prison can be easily amended so as to include this project, and it should then be pressed to a speedy passage.

"The Pastoral Rustic League."

This is the title of an association lately established in Colorado for the purpose of drawing to the Rocky Mountain region "clergymen, professors, students, journalists, or business men with broken-down health, the recluse, widows, maidens, and those of advanced age," to all of whom it offers facilities for butter-making, trout-catching, sheep-farming, buffalo, antelope, wild turkey, deer, mountain sheep, elk, and bear hunting, comparatively free of cost. Its principles are like those of the patent-medicine man, who guarantees to cure every disease with the same specific. Its efforts at present appear to be confined to the sending out of circulars to all nations, proclaiming the advantages of a residence in a climate "that is very healthy, (cause is unknown,) while it is positively known to cure asthma, benefit other invalids, and modify, and in many cases completely cure, that obnoxious disease known as the 'blues.'" To the young married man it says: "Bring your wife along, and we will give you the means of enjoying a life infinitely more beautiful than was vouchsafed to Adam and Eve before sin came upon them." To the dairyman it says: "Come to us. The grazing here is unlimited; you can make butter for nothing, and freight it to New-Orleans or Philadelphia for less than three, and to England for less than four, cents a pound. Or, if you like better to deal with the mines, they offer a ready market for all dairy, farm, and orchard products. Mr. L., who resides in a region far inferior to ours, realised $1,800 in one year from twelve selected cows." To the poet and painter it says: "Come. The early dawn and twilight of this country are more beautiful than words can describe." For the usurer, too, it has an inducement to offer: "Come to us with your spare capital, and loan it at compound interest on a security at *lawful* rates, from fifteen to twenty per cent or more." But the strongest of all is the inducement held out to maidens and widows: "Come to us, and we can point out to you natural facilities to co-operate in the acquisition of beautiful sites for dairying, wool-growing, stock-raising, fatting, and furnishing for the various armies and cities of the world juicy and tenderest mountain-fed beef; and to inaugurate a system of special co-operation in either of these industries, where with some capital you may become Mountain Queens." As a special compliment to the sex, that portion of the circular addressed to ladies is written with pen and ink by one of the members of the League, who, without doubt, thinks she carries the brains of the whole concern.

The material afforded for humor by the circular of this person is very extensive, and might be taken advantage of if the subject on which it treats were of less importance. Under the circumstances, we prefer to deal with it gravely, and we shall begin by saying that if the people of Colorado had paid a handsome premium for a plan that would be sure to discourage immigration they could not have found a better one. Even if every word contained in the circular were strictly true, none but the most gullible would be willing to believe it. A few easily deceived ladies, like the one who married an Indian chief to convert his tribe to Christianity, and, after years of the most cruel treatment, was at last exchanged for a pony, might eagerly grasp at the chance to become "Mountain Queens;" but the majority of sensible women would regard the scheme from a very different stand-point. In England, Scotland, and Ireland circulars of such a nature are passed around as curiosities of falsehood. They mislead no one—not even the wildest dreamer. They do what is vastly worse, however. They prevent families from emigrating to this country by conveying the idea that, as a people, there is no truth in us. Now, if "The Pastoral Rustic League" were to set forward the advantages of life in Colorado without overstepping the bounds of probability and thereby making itself ridiculous before the world, how much better it would be! The plain matter-of-fact business style takes well everywhere. To say that Mr. L. had realized a clear profit of $1,800 on the butter of twelve cows in one year would be a convincing argument to bring to bear upon the minds of dairymen, if allowed to stand alone, but mixed with such twaddle as "blue cures," "garden spots," "recluse homes," and "mountain queens," it becomes valueless.

Heavy Verdict Against the Carbon Hill Coal Company.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 29.—The case of Tucker et al. *vs.* Walker and the Carbon Hill Coal Company, was decided in the Circuit Court to-day, before Judge Tree, the jury finding a general verdict for the plaintiff and awarding damages at $119,637.

Scott, the young man shot last night by Ed. Scanlon, is still alive, but his physicians say he cannot possibly recover. Scanlon is still at large.

Prorogation of the Ontario Legislature.

TORONTO, March 29.—The Ontario Legislature was prorogued to-day by Lieut.-Gov. Howland, who delivered the customary speech, and gave the royal assent to bills passed during the session.

Departure of the Japanese Ambassador and Suite.

BOSTON, Mass., March 29.—Minister Mori, the Japanese Ambassador, and suite sailed to-day for Liverpool, in the Cunard steam-ship Malta.

RECORD OF AMUSEMENTS.

Musical and Dramatic.

CITY NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For the season of 1872-3 Italian opera is at an end. The season closed with the operas of Monday and Tuesday, "La Figlia" and "Martha" on those nights furnishing occasion for the two prime donne, Mme. Lucca and Miss Kellogg, respectively, to make their adieux. The performances of the past series call for no further comment than has already been copiously given in our columns, but we are glad to record that financially the season has been a good success. Next Fall, as already noted, we are to look for Nilsson, Campanini, and Capoul.....No new plays have been given at either of the theatres this week, although fresh pieces are in preparation at all of them.....Mr. Leon's Circus opens on a stupendous scale to-morrow night at the block bounded by Madison and Fourth avenues, and Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh streets.....A fresh drama illustrative of life on the frontier is to be done at Niblo's, to-morrow.....The first of the Rubinstein-Thomas-Wieniawski concerts will take place at Steinway Hall.....At Wood's Museum, Mr. Harper will this week appear in "Maum Cre."

THOMAS' SYMPHONY CONCERTS.

The fifth symphony concert of the series of six undertaken some months ago by Mr. Theodore Thomas, was given at Steinway Hall, last evening, and was quite largely attended. Whilst the perfect work of Mr. Thomas' orchestra is to be placed to their credit, whenever a mention of any entertainment in which his forces are concerned is necessary, we cannot always admire unreservedly the programmes he selects for recital. Last night's, we are bound to say, was not only trying for the performers, but for the audience. If we except the first piece performed, there was really very little in the bill worthy the labors of so capital a band, or of the attention of so discerning an audience as Mr. Thomas has the good fortune to attract to his reunions. The composition in question was Raff's delightful symphony "Im Walde," the three parts of which—the first, expressive of day-time impressions and sensations in the forest, charmingly tuneful, and free and graceful in rhythm; the second, divided into an illustration of a twilight reverie and of a quaint dance of wood-nymphs; and the third, descriptive, with much weirdness and vigor, of a phantom chase breaking upon the stillness of the night—were superbly played by the band. The choice of the number following was not so felicitous. Beethoven's concerto (Opus 58) for piano, violin, 'cello, and orchestra, is not one of the best of its great, but almost too fecund, author, and the developments of the ideas seemed altogether out of proportion to their value. Throughout the concerto, Miss Mehlig was at the piano, and Mr. Bernard Listemann, who has a thorough mastery of technique, was the violinist. Both artists executed their thankless task with unswerving presence. There are more capable violoncellists than Mr. Hemmann, but the inaccuracies of intonation to be charged to the performer did not go far toward increasing the listlessness of the assemblage to a well nigh endless performance. In the second portion of the concert, "Genoveva," a finely-scored and remarkably lucid overture, by Schumann, was faultlessly delivered and heartily applauded. The rich instrumentation of the second half of Berlioz's dramatic symphony of "Romeo and Juliet," the interpretation of which brought the entertainment to a close, wrought a like effect, although the festal means is rather trivial. Of the intermediate composition, Liszt's symphonic poem of "Hamlet," it is needless to write at length. It is without doubt the most insignificant and meaningless production of the Abbate's contributions to modern art. This is saying a great deal, for Liszt can justly be taxed with much that is absurd, and his vagaries are the more to be deplored in that the influence of his name is potent and wide-spreading. But his "Hamlet" outdoes the most reprehensible of his achievements. Further than this, he cannot go.

Mme. Nissen.

Mlle. Aimée and her troupe were last week in Chicago, and they will perform at the Boston Globe for two weeks, commencing to-morrow. They announce three performances in New-York, which will occur at the Academy of Music, on April 17, 18, and 19.....The artists for the week commencing May 5, are as follows: Mrs. Emma R. Dexter and Mrs. H. M. Smith, soprani; Miss A. L. Cary, contralto; Mr. Nelson Varley, tenor; Mr. J. F. Rudolphsen, baritone; Mr. M. W. Whitney, basso. Mr. Thomas' orchestra will supply the instrumental music, and there will be a chorus of 1,000 children. The programme will include the standard works following: Beethoven's Ninth Symphony; Handel's "Dettingen" Te Deum; Mendelssohn's "Walpurgis Night;" Schumann's "Gypsy Life;" Schubert's Twenty-third Psalm.....Miss Lillie Eldridge is to sing this week in Buffalo, and Mr. Dominick Murray will perform there next week.....Mrs. F. S. Chanfrau, whose season has been exceedingly successful, is on her way to Boston, where she is highly esteemed, and where she will appear at the Boston Theatre on April 14, in Mr. C. W. Taylour's new emotional drama entitled "The Two Wives."....Mr. Frank S. Chanfrau has purchased an estate of 317 acres, in Florida, with the intention of passing the inclement months of the Winter with his wife and family in a genial clime. The Summer vacation he will continue to while away at his Long Branch cottage.....Mr. Frederick Robinson was last week at the New-Orleans Varieties.....Mr. Proctor was at De Bar's Opera-house, in St. Louis.....Miss Charlotte Cushman acted in "Macbeth" at Ford's Opera-house, in Baltimore, one night only, last week.....The Lydia Thompson troupe was at the St. Louis Olympic.....Mme. Lucca sang in Philadelphia Wednesday and Friday.....Mr. Edwin Booth was at McVicker's Theatre, in Chicago.....English opera was enjoyed at Wall's Opera-house, in Washington, last week.....On April 3, 4, and 5, Mme. Lucca is to sing in Washington.....The Philadelphia *City Item* of March 24 says: "Mr. J. W. Fitzpatrick and Miss Patti Josephs, both of the Chestnut-street Theatre, were married yesterday at 1 o'clock, at St. Stephen's Church, Tenth-street, above Chestnut, the pastor, Dr. Ritter, officiating. Owing to the death of Mr. John H. Selwyn, brother of the bride, the ceremony, which was to have taken place about two months ago, was postponed until yesterday. The bride was given away by Mr. E. L. Davenport, the Misses Davenport acting as bridesmaids. The dramatic profession was fully represented. After the marriage ceremonies, the pair were driven to Mr. Davenport's residence, Tenth-street, above Cherry, and remained the greater portion of the day, receiving the congratulations of their many friends.....Miss Mellson was last week in Pittsburg, Penn.....Miss Lecereq was in Cincinnati.....Mme. Jananschek and Miss Maggie Mitchell were in Boston. Mr. Edwin Adams will perform there this week.....The Troy Opera-house has been closed on account of the financial embarrassments of the manager.....Mr. John Drew, a son of the late comedian, has made his début at the Arch street Theatre, in Philadelphia.

Foreign Affairs.

Mrs. John Wood will reappear in England on Oct. 18.....Mr. William Creswick is giving a series of performances of the Shakespearean drama at the Theatre Royal in Portsmouth, and attracting much attention by his scholarly work.....The London *Times* mentions that M. Victorien Sardou's satirical comedy, "Rabagas," has been skillfully rendered into English by Mr. Stephen Fiske, and produced with success at the St. James' Theatre, Mr. Wyndham sustaining with unflagging spirit the arduous part of the famous demagogue. Ostensibly the scene is laid in an imaginary country, but the names of the personages, with the exception of *Robert Rabagas* himself, are essentially English..... M. Ballande, the founder of the Matinés Littéraires, at the Gaité Theatre, in Paris, is organising, as Paris, on the occasion of the two hundredth anniversary of the death of Molière, an entertainment which is to last a week. It will coincide with the opening of the annual exhibition of paint-

ings in the Palais de l'Industrie, Champs-Elysées, a portion of the building having been placed at his disposal by the Minister of Public Instruction and Fine Arts. Two competitions will be opened—one for poetry, and the other for singing without instrumental accompaniment. For the former four gold and two silver medals will be awarded to the six pieces chosen. Two of the former will be of the value of 500 francs each, two of 100 francs, and the silver 50 francs. The pieces in monologue must not exceed 300 lines, nor those in dialogue 300. One of the pieces will be recited at the inauguration of the jubilee. For the singing each society will have to give two pieces—one ordered, and the other optional....Mlle. Judic, the successor of Mlle. Schneider, whose glory seems to have gone out with the Imperial régime, is about to appear in a new opera bouffe, by the authors of the notorious "Tumble-de-d'argent," called "La Rosière d'ici." One can guess the subject from the title, suggestive as it is of the celebrated rosière in "Joconde," with, after coquetting with every character in the piece, receives in the final scene from the manager (and minor of her mamma's) the prize of virtue. "La Rosière d'ici" will be played in the consensual atmosphere of "Les Bouffes Parisiens."....At the Paris Folies Dramatiques M. Litolff's "Abailard et Héloise" has given way to "La Fille de Mme. Angot," an opera or operetta previously produced at Brussels and much praised by Brussels critics. The verdict of the Belgian capital has been fully indorsed by Paris; and the most flattering opinions are expressed, both of the libretto by the experienced vaudevillists, MM. Siraudin and Clairville, and of the score by the comparatively unknown composer, M. Lecoq. Mary, however, will not have forgotten the pretty music to which some years ago M. Lecoq set the amusing Chinese burlesque or burletta called "Fleur de Thé." The success of "Abailard et Héloise" until the very last representation was so great that the author and composer, out of gratitude to the ill-fated hero and heroine, whose names they had taken, not precisely in vain, but at least irreverently, spent some money in repairing the railings around their tomb in the cemetery of Père-la-Chaise....At St. Petersburg there is some talk of the late M. Dargomishki's opera, founded on Pushkin's unaccomplished drama of the "Stone Guest" being produced. The "Stone Guest" is, as may be supposed from the title, a version of the Don Juan legend. The *Commandant*, who ultimately sums up as a very unwelcome guest, is, in Pushkin's fragmentary drama, the husband, not the father, of *Donna Anna*. But the most remarkable thing in the opera or "melodrama" (in the proper sense of the word) is the music, of which M. Lens, the well-known author of "Beethoven et ses trois Styles," has written a highly interesting account in the *Journal de St. Petersbourg*. The writer observes that in real life men and women do not go through the world singing songs, Dargomishki, to give an air of reality to his work, has made his personages deliver their dialogue in a sort of recitative, and in some places has merely written chords, so that the words against which they are set are presumably intended to be said, not sung. The entire score contains only one tune, and that is not quite a tune. It is not a melody, according to M. Lens, but only a "melisma." The "melisma" is in the Spanish style, indicating that the scene of the opera is laid in Spain....The accounts of Mme. Adelina Patti's benefit at St. Petersburg present the Emperor Alexander in an unusually new light. His Majesty, according to the published reports of the proceedings, went on to the stage, and, with his own hands, offered the heroine of the evening "a diamond corobet representing wild roses." At the inspiriting wish of the Czar of all the Russias making a present on the public boards to an undoubtedly diamond of the first water, the audience rose as one man and applauded with enthusiasm; though what they applauded, whether the Emperor or the prima donna, or the homage done by the former to the latter, does not appear. This seems to the *Pall Mall Gazette* the most extraordinary performance in which royalty has taken part since the days of Louis XVI.

PERSONAL NOTES.

A Texas boy weighing 410 pounds is on his way to the North.

Visitors are admitted to see Wagner, the Isles of Shoals murderer, in the Portland Jail at ten cents a head.

Miss Amanda M. Vancil, an Indiana schoolmistress, invested her salary in government lands, and made $70,000 by it.

Congressman J. A. Garfield, of Ohio, has written a long letter attempting to justify his action in the salary-grab business.

Gen. Hancock is to go to Wilmington on the 2d of April, to transfer the Delaware battle-flags to the State Historical Society.

A youth in California, weary of his betrothed, has transferred her to a rival for a red-striped vest, and all concerned are happy.

John Clarke gave, in all, to the Clarke Institute at Northampton, Mass., $305,505 49. He might have added another penny, but he didn't.

The will of Hon. Humphrey Jewell, late of Kingston, is to be contested, because he gave incorrectly the names of certain benevolent societies to which he left $25,000.

The parties to a recent marriage in Tolleston, Ind., were a gay bachelor of seventy-two and a frisky widow of eighty-five, who has a great-great-grandchild.

Robert Mammon, a Pennsylvanian, ninety-two years old, has astonished his acquaintances by walking from his home to Harrisburg, a distance of ten miles, in five and a half hours.

A German lady in Wisconsin, who is getting on in years, and who "hates narrow Yankee coffins," has ordered a large and commodious one exactly suited to her fancy. She intends to be comfortable.

A lady in Denver recently received a note from a neighbor, reading: Will you please lend me a water fall or something I can wear on my head I am going to have a picture taken and a pair of Earrings.

A Chicago commission merchant, who some time since advised a lot of his country customers to invest largely in corn at the existing prices, saying "a barrel of money could be made," has recently received by express an empty flour barrel, with a request that he would fill it with greenbacks, and return.

There is now a patient in the Surgical Institute at Indianapolis, twenty-one years old, and apparently vigorous, whose arms are not more than six inches long, and hardly thicker than one's thumb. The elbow and wrist joints are complete, but there are only three fingers to each hand, and on the left two start from the same joint. By turning his head he is able to feed himself, and a local paper says it is rather odd to see these manifestations start out from under the coat and play over the chin and neck.

In a breach of promise case tried at Springfield, Mass., Thursday, the District-Attorney protested against regarding the betrothal of minors as a "boy and girl affair," and said that he was engaged to his present wife when he was only sixteen, that their happy courtship of nine years was the brightest spot in his life, and that now, after twenty years of happy married life, he kisses his wife's lips, although she is somewhat faded, with the same fervor as in the early days of their youthful courtship. Thereupon $4,000 damages were awarded the plaintiff.

Among the passengers of the ill-fated steamer City of Boston, which went down with all on board so many months ago, was the only son of a widow now living in Detroit, who has never lost her faith that he will yet return. She has subscribed for a Boston paper solely for the reason that the imagines that the Press of the city, for which the steamer was named, will first receive news concerning her; and as regularly as the paper comes, she reads it all carefully, in the hope that her son's fate may be explained. His plate is always laid at the table, and to friends who call the fond, hopeful mother says: "I have not heard from Willie yet, but I hope to get news this week."

It is surprising what little matters will sometimes get married men into trouble. Here was a well-meaning Michigan farmer, who, while in Detroit the other day, found an opportunity to trade his wagon for a coffin, and, as he is getting old and thought it might sometime be handy to have the coffin in the house, availed himself of it. But when he got home his unsympathizing wife compelled him to put the coffin out doors again, and after the ensuing discussion of the matter had necessitated his beating her, she posted off to town herself to get a warrant for his arrest and to endeavor to persuade the police to make her husband understand that he could'nt have the coffin in the house until he was actually dead.

Death of a Well-Known Citizen of Albany.

ALBANY, March 29.—Stephen Groesbeck, one of our oldest and most respected citizens, died to-day, aged 82 years.

FINE ARTS.

The Snedecor Collection of Oil and Water Colors—Notes.

The finest collection of water-color paintings ever offered at public auction, in this City, has been on view during the past week at the Somerville Gallery, in Fifth-avenue. It comprises selections from the stock of Mr. John Snedecor, and represents the French, English, German, Spanish, Italian, and American schools. Besides these there are some fine oil paintings by Schreyer, Caraud, Ziem, E. Moran, Nehlig, Erdmann, C. Becker, C. L. Cardou, Watter, J. Firmin-Girard, Volta, Detti, Hebert, and others. Among the oils attention may be called to a Wallachian Forest scene, by Schreyer, an intimitable painter of this class of subjects. It represents some half dozen rough-coated horses drawing a cart along a forest road. The snow lies deep around, and the air is thick with it. The poor beasts are huddled together, shivering in the biting wind, and appear about to give up their unequal contest with the elements. It is one of the best of Schreyer's works. There is also an excellent specimen by Ziem, finished with more care than he usually bestows on his pictures, and remarkably rich in color. By Hebert, who has a world-wide fame, there is a study for his large picture, representing an Italian family flying from the pestilence—a remarkable work in composition, expression, and color. Watter has an excellent picture, in which an old gentleman is pulling aside the curtain of his studio window, and is confounded by the sight of his daughter being kissed by her lover in the garden. The old gentleman's mingled expression of astonishment and anger is capitally brought out. Nehlig has a good studio scene; Arthur Parton a striking and richly-colored landscape; E. Moran some "Fishing Boats," and J. F. Weir "Lake Como," with a storm in the distance. By Meyerheim there is a very pleasing work, harmonious in color and strong in expression, and by Firmin-Girard a young woman, seated on a stone bench, knitting, while beside her is a groom or squire, who is evidently talking what the ladies call nonsense. The quizzical look of the man and the demure expression of the young woman are well contrasted. Taking it altogether, this is one of the best works in the collection. There are also good, though small, specimens by Volta and Detti.

Among the water-colors are two works by Vibert, several gems by Meyer Von Bremen, a sketch by Verboeckhoven, two or three charming landscapes by Martin, whose harmony of color and refinement and depth of feeling are fully exemplified in these small works; a good specimen by Crayer, several by Agrasot and others of the Spanish-Roman school, including Cipriani, who has a strong and well composed scene representing an Italian letter-writer, who has penned an epistle for two young girls and is reading to them the result of his labors. The gem of the collection, however, is Bargue's "Egyptian Soldier," who stands with his back turned toward the spectator, his long gun slung across his shoulders. In texture, solidity, firmness of drawing, and elaboration of execution, we have seen nothing in water-colors equal to this.

From our own school we have a series of very charming landscapes by Bellows, entitled "The Seasons;" a good, bright-looking and strong picture by Bricher, and several by W. T. Richards, of which the light-house scene is, in our opinion, the best, containing less of Mr. Richard's mannerisms, and breathing more of the open air than this artist's studies usually do.

The collection will remain on exhibition free until the evening of the 7th prox. It is certainly one of the most interesting that has ever been on view at the Somerville Gallery.

MISCELLANEOUS.

We have heretofore called attention to the works of Mr. Ludovici, one of which was exhibited at Goupil's about a year ago, and attracted notice by the evidence it afforded on the part of the artist of technical skill and the power to express the more subdued emotions. We have since then had an opportunity of seeing a number of Mr. Ludovici's works in oils and crayons, and are pleased to find that he is advancing in his art. An ideal portrait representing a young girl with a kitten on her shoulder, is particularly good, as well in color as in drawing and expression. Some crayon portraits, broadly touched and with strong effects of light and shade, strike us as being quite above the average of such work. Portraits in this style are, we hear, becoming fashionable, and are taking the place of oils.

Mr. Thomas Hicks has just finished for the Union League Club a three-quarter length picture of Gen. Meade. The hero of Gettysburg is painted in uniform, the head being in profile. The picture itself is an admirable portrait, and wears that particular expression of deep, silent thought which was characteristic of Gen. Meade. The work is quiet and sober in tone, and avoiding the usual glare and glitter of military pictures, it impresses one with its strength and dignity.

The Art Department at the Vienna Exhibition will, it is feared, make but a poor show. The United States will scarcely be represented at all. German artists will send no contributions unless more space is allowed them, and the English artists representing the Royal Academy will alone be allowed to contribute to the Exhibition.

A collection of pictures by Courbet, Rosa and Auguste Bonheur, Guillamet, Daubigny, Brun, Caraud, and other eminent foreign artists is on private exhibition at the Somerville Art Rooms, No. 82 Fifth-avenue.

Fires Last Evening.

At 5 o'clock last evening, a fire occurred in the photograph gallery of Henry Mers, on the third floor of No. 183 Essex-street, caused by the explosion of a bottle of ether. Damage $100; insured.

At 7:20 P. M. a slight fire occurred at No. 974 Eighth-avenue, caused by a defective flue. It was extinguished by the police before any material damage was sustained.

At 7¾ P. M. a fire occurred in the residence of August Meyer, in Forty-ninth-street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, also caused by a defective flue. Damage trifling.

The alarm of fire was caused by some heated cashiers igniting wood in the iron foundry of Lynn & Avery, No. 490 Water-street. The fire was so quickly extinguished that but very little damage was done.

At 8:55 P. M. a fire occurred, from some unknown cause, in the apartment of Abraham Berchofski, on the first floor of the tenement-house No. 119 Clinton-street, resulting in $50 damage; fully insured.

Yachting Notes.

Lively notes of preparation are observable now among the yachting fraternity. The final determination of the day for holding the opening regattas of the several clubs has had the effect of putting every one on the *qui vive*, in order to be ready to carry off the laurels. The first regatta of the season will be the New-York Yacht Club, June 5. The Atlantic Club comes next, June 10, and the Brooklyn Union Regatta follows on the 12th.

Several new boats will be added to the club fleets this year, although not so many as in previous years.

Messrs. Poillon Brothers have nearly completed a new schooner yacht, named the Clio, for Mr. Aston, of the Brooklyn and New-York Yacht Clubs. She is strongly built of oak and hackmatack, planked with oak, and handsomely fitted up inside in black walnut and mahogany. She is 70 feet over all, 57 feet 6 inches on water-line, and 52 feet keel; breadth of beam, 18 feet 6 inches; depth, 6 feet. Her main mast is 62 feet; main-topmast, 36 feet; foremast, 60 feet; fore top, 26 feet.

A duplicate of the Clio is on the stocks for Commodore Swan, of the Seawanaka Yacht Club.

Mann, of Gowanus, is building a sloop-yacht for some gentlemen in Washington. She is a very handsome model, 46 feet long, 15 feet beam, 5 feet 6 inches deep.

In addition to two steam yachts, one 60 feet long, fitted with a twelve-horse-power engine, the other 45 feet long, and fitted with a six-horse-power engine, Mr. James Lennox is building a handsome schooner yacht for Mr. W. G. Creamer, of Brooklyn. She is 70 feet long, 18 feet 6 inches beam, and 6 feet deep. Her mainmast is 58 feet high, and foremast 56 feet.

Another boat in Mr. Lennox's yard attracts attention. She is evidently built for racing; her lines are very fine, and she looks as if she would skim the water at race-horse speed. She is 27 feet long, 12 feet beam, and 3 feet deep.

Frank Bates, of South Brooklyn, has built five new boats, varying from 18 feet to 27 feet in length.

Kirby, of Rye, is building a new sloop, 40 feet long, for a gentleman belonging to the New-York Yacht Club.

Bedell, of Roslyn, has nearly finished a sloop, 40 feet long, for Mr. Beardsley, of the Jersey City Yacht Club.

The sloop Ariadne is having a new stern put on by Smith, of Nyack.

Commodore Jacob Voorhis, Jr., being unable to improve the exterior of the Madeleine, is having the cabin entirely refitted in splendid style.

The sloop Gracie, having been bought of Mr. Colgate by Mr. Waller, of the New-York Yacht Club, is having her spars cut down and canvas reduced.

The schooner Agnes is having new spars, rigging, and canvas for the coming season.

THE GOODRICH MURDER.

No New Disclosures—The Prisoner and Her Parents.

Now that it has been placed beyond all question that Mrs. Lucetta J. Meyers, who was arrested by the Brooklyn detectives on Thursday night, is held only as an important witness, and not on suspicion of being the perpetrator of the murder, the veil of mystery which seemed about to be lifted, falls again, and the question, "Shall we ever get the guilty parties in court?" is asked by every one. When the arrest was announced, the censure which had been expended on the detectives by the public was succeeded by a more kindly sentiment, and there was, therefore, no little surprise at the announcement in yesterday's TIMES of the less important character of the capture. The woman remains in Raymond-street Jail, denied to all but official visitors. On Tuesday she will probably tell her story on the witness-stand at the Coroner's inquest. The officials are known to have one of two theories, viz.: either that a woman and man were engaged in the murder, or that it was the work of a woman only. A man is implicated in some way, however, and is being sought after.

The Chief of Police said, yesterday, in answer to inquiries: "The woman we want is the one who used to live in the houses in Degraw-street. A gentleman who saw her frequently in Mr. Goodrich's company identifies her as Mrs. Meyers. We think he is mistaken, but this will show how difficult it will be to convict the guilty woman if found, even of manslaughter. I cannot express any opinion as to the probability of finding her, but think it not unlikely that she will be secured."

Meanwhile every one in Brooklyn is talking about the "mystery" and wondering whether it will ever be cleared up, and the police and reporters are continually beset with inquiries for the "latest news."

WHAT THE PRISONER'S COUNSEL SAYS.

As mentioned in yesterday's TIMES, Mr. James D. McClelland, retained to look after the interests of Mrs. Meyers, now under arrest in connection with the Goodrich murder, proceeded to Brooklyn in order to consult with his client. He was refused admission then on the ground that Mrs. Meyers was only detained as a witness. Yesterday again he proceeded to Brooklyn, accompanied by Mrs. Meyers' father, and after considerable difficulty succeeded in seeing his client, who is confined in Raymond-street Jail. The father of the prisoner was not allowed to see her. She admits her acquaintance with Goodrich, but indignantly denies all knowledge of the murder. She also states that she will bring suit against the Brooklyn authorities for false imprisonment. With the authorities rests asserts that there is not a particle of evidence to connect Mrs. Meyers with the murder of Goodrich. He states that at the inquest he will demand the production of the testimony connecting his client with the murder; and if this request is not complied with will demand her immediate release. Should the authorities decline to release her, counsel will at once commence proceedings on habeas corpus in the Supreme Court.

THE AGED PARENTS OF THE PRISONER.

A number of warm-hearted and charitably-disposed ladies and gentlemen, who had read the description published in yesterday's TIMES of the extreme poverty of the aged parents of Lucetta Meyers, the woman arrested for complicity in the Goodrich murder, visited the humble apartments at No. 48 Living-ston-street during the course of yesterday. A young gentleman, who would only state that he did business in a large house in Spruce-street, called on Mrs. Hubbell, and after conversing with her, handed her a sufficient sum to pay her month's rent. Two other gentlemen and several ladies called subsequently, and on satisfying themselves of the people's destitute condition, freely contributed sufficient means to sustain them for some days to come. The old lady was completely overcome at the unexpected relief afforded her, and burst into tears, while calling down blessings on the donors. As is often the case where real charity is dispensed, the modesty of the generous contributors would not allow them to give their names. The means placed at the disposal of the old couple for relieving the present necessities is all the more acceptable, from the fact that the landlord informed them yesterday morning they would have to vacate their apartments if the rent was not forthcoming on Tuesday.

A Spiritual Medium Charged with Disorderly Conduct by an Investigating Committee.

A number of spiritualists, male and female, assembled at the Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday afternoon, to listen to the examination in the case of Dr. J. V. Mansfield, of No. 361 Sixth-avenue, who is charged by a self-appointed committee of gentlemen with an offense technically described as disorderly conduct. This committee was formed with the avowed purpose of exposing the charlatans who, under the guise of spiritualistic mediums, defraud simple people of their money. Mr. Wm. G. Grant and Mr. J. M. Tift are the principal movers in the matter. By advice of counsel, these gentlemen, after making themselves thoroughly familiar with the means by which they allege Mansfield duped his victims, preferred against that person a charge of disorderly conduct, thus giving a police magistrate the power to deal summarily with the case.

Counsel for the defendant made a desperate effort, first to have the case sent for trial to the General Sessions, and failing in that, to secure an adjournment. It was finally decided that after one witness for the prosecution had been examined, the case would be adjourned to a future day. Mr. Wm. G. Grant then testified in substance that on the 22d February he visited Dr. Mansfield's place, on Sixth-avenue, in company with some other gentlemen, and was witness to what Mansfield termed spiritual manifestations, but which Mr. Grant knew, and told Dr. Mansfield that he knew, were fraudulent tricks. One of the committee, a Mr. Schultz, wrote a communication to the spirit of a deceased brother on paper, and with a pencil supplied by Mansfield. The medium, after pretending to put the letter in *rapport* with the spirit addressed, seized a pencil and wrote a long answer. Mr. Schultz never had a brother. Mansfield demanded and received $10 for these manifestations, and when told that he would be exposed, said: "Do your worst, gentlemen; those who believe will continue to believe, and those who do not will come to see me about it." At the conclusion of Mr. Grant's testimony, the further hearing of the case was adjourned until next Saturday week.

The Bull's Head Bank.

The case of Sherwin and another against the Bull's Head Bank, in which a petition was filed to have the bank declared insolvent, was on the calendar in the United States District Court yesterday, before Judge Blatchford. The case was called, but postponed until next Saturday, by consent of both sides, and it is the general impression that the petition will be withdrawn. Only one other petition to throw the institution into bankruptcy has been filed. It was presented at the Clerk's office on the 26th, and the creditor is Thomas Brogan.

The committee appointed by the depositors to receive subscriptions for the new preferred stock of the Bull's Head Bank was in session the whole of yesterday, at the Ashland House. The amount of the checks that were handed in could not be ascertained, but it was said the total is still considerably short of the sum required. The committee will remain in session to-day, Monday, and Tuesday, after which day, it is thought, there will no longer be any necessity for their attendance.

The amounts subscribed by the stockholders toward the new capital is, it is said, between $50,000 and $60,000. A call was issued yesterday by their committee for a general meeting, to be held on Tuesday next, at the Ashland House, for the purpose of taking final action with regard to the resuscitation of the bank.

United States Marshal Fiske, yesterday removed from the Bull's Head Bank all the bonds, deeds, and money, comprising the assets, and deposited them for safe-keeping in the Merchants' Exchange Bank, thus doing away with the necessity of keeping the two deputies and extra guards in constant attendance.

A Direct Line of Mail Steam-Ships to Havana.

The steam-ships Morro Castle and Crescent City, lately the property of the Atlantic Mail Steam-ship Company, were purchased at the recent sale by some capitalists who, in connection with Messrs. W. P. Clyde & Co., of this City and Philadelphia, have organized a new line to Havana. The above ships will be retained, and a number of new iron steamers added as the necessities of traffic require. A new feature in the company's programme is that their boats will not touch at Nassau, thus effecting great saving in time and money.

ENGLAND'S MINISTRY.

The Withdrawal of the Premier's Resignation—Scenes in Parliament.

From the London Daily News, March 18.

The House of Commons was scarcely so full last evening as when it met to hear the announcement of the resignation of Ministers; but only by by comparison with the assemblance of Thursday night can it be held to have assumed a secondary position in point of numbers. The front Oppostition bench was crowded early after prayers, and on the Treasury bench were Mr. Forster, Mr. Lowe, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Goschen, Mr. Childers, and, latest among these arrivals, Mr. Cardwell. At 4:25 Mr. Disraeli, as is his custom on great occasions, entered from the doorway under the clock, and walked up the full length of the House in view of his supporters. An honorable member, perceiving him, saluted him with a vigorous "Hear, hear!" but the cheer was not taken up, and Mr. Disraeli sat down in a cold and noticeable silence. It appeared, however, as if honorable members on the Conservative benches were not last evening in a humor for cheering, for presently Mr. Bentinck, whose appearance last Thursday was hilariously hailed, walked in, and was permitted to take his seat without any demonstration. Exactly at 4½ o'clock Mr. Gladstone came in, his entrance being announced before he emerged from behind the Speaker's chair by the loud cheers of his supporters—cheers which seemed the echo of the boisterous popular reception enjoyed by the gentleman had a few minutes previously met with as he walked across Parliament-yard, arm in arm with Lord Halifax, on his way to the House. The half-hour was striking as the Premier took his seat, and, rising again immediately, he somewhat breathlessly announced that on Sunday evening, "while spending a day in the country," a message had reached him from the Queen, the purport whereof had led him to abandon any expectation that "the party in Opposition," could construct a Government at the present crisis. He had taken the necessary steps to ascertain how far his colleagues would be willing to resume office, and, with the view of perfecting his arrangements, he had to ask the House to consent to a further adjournment till Thursday next. The Premier being reseated, Mr. Disraeli slowly approached the table amid a cheer, which, perhaps, was slight, because those who raised it were afraid of losing a word of the communication about to be made to the House. Speaking in a subdued, conversational tone, Mr. Disraeli observed that he might naturally feel desirous of offering some explanation in reply to Mr. Gladstone, but he was content to sink his personal feeling in consideration of what was best for the country. He, however, begged to state, "in a distinct manner," that when, on Thursday, Her Majesty sent for him and asked him to take office, he informed her that he was quite prepared to form an Administration that would leave nothing to be desired; "but"—and here Mr. Disraeli made his manner more "distinct" by a strong emphasis of tone—"I added that I could not undertake to do so in the present House of Commons, and from that position I have never for a moment departed." This said, Mr. Disraeli sat down, and Mr. Gladstone courteously pointed out that he had not mentioned what had taken place on Thursday; but had merely said that "last evening, when he was spending a day in the country, he had received," &c. Mr. Crawford next rose, and offered some remarks; but it was only when Mr. Dyke Acland, saluted by cries of "Order, order!" replied, that above the din of conversation it became apparent that the honorable member for London had been asking some question touching the pledge given by the Government about the Emanuel Hospital resolution, with which Mr. Forster satisfactorily dealt by renewing his promise to bring in a bill in order to give Mr. Crawford the facilities required. Thereupon the House adjourned till Thursday, leave being given for committees to sit in the interval.

Mr. Gladstone remained upon the Treasury Bench for nearly ten minutes after the House had adjourned, chatting for the greater portion of the time with Sir George Grey, but frequently interrupted by the greetings of the honorable members passing out—Mr. Newdegate's shake of the hand being peculiarly impressive, not to say solemn. The Premier was waiting, with some four or five score others, for the opening of the House of Lords, where Lord Granville was expected to make a statement. Thither, at 5 o'clock, honorable and right honorable members trooped, crowding the bar, filling the galleries, and thronging the space in front of the steps of the throne. The attendance of Peers at the moment when "strangers" were admitted was hardly above the average—Lord Granville, in earnest conversation with the Duke of Cambridge, having sole possession of the Treasury Bench, and Lord Chelmsford representing for the moment the Opposition. Later, Lord Halifax took the seat vacated by the Duke of Cambridge; the Earl of Kimberley, who had entered with Mr. Gladstone, leaving him in the space reserved for Privy Councillors near the throne, seated himself on the other side of Lord Granville, and before 5¼ the Government Bench was full. The Duke of Richmond and the Earl of Derby stood by the rails before the throne talking to Mr. Gathorne Hardy, and when they retired to take their seats on the bench where the Marquis of Salisbury and other noble lords had joined Lord Chelmsford, Mr. Horsman made up, with Mr. Ward Hunt and the right honorable member for Oxford University, a fresh conversational trio. To the right of the throne, where the Liberal members of the House of Commons most did congregate, were, among others, Mr. Forster, Mr. Chichester Fortescue, Mr. Glyn, Sir Henry Storks, Mr. Ayrton, and Mr. Winterbotham. Surrounded by these, in the bend of the rail, under the unlighted candelabra, sat the Premier, with hand to ear, listening to the statement in which Earl Granville briefly announced that Mr. Gladstone had consented to resume office, and to the declaration of the Duke of Richmond which followed, that on Thursday evening Mr. Disraeli would make a statement of the circumstances which had resulted in that determination.

The Long Island Town Elections.

The Spring elections for town officers will be held in the various towns of Queens and Suffolk Counties on Tuesday next, the 1st of April. Both the Democrats and the Republicans have put their strongest men in "regular" nomination, and there is a third, a citizens' ticket, which is composed in the main of the Republican nominees; and this combination, it is believed, will insure the election of the Republican Supervisors, if not their candidate for Receiver of Taxes. For the latter office there are four candidates. Democratic—John S. Seeder. Republican—George W. Onlow. Citizens'—John Rider. Independent—Henry A. Van Allen.

At the Democratic primary for the town of Jamaica, held on Tuesday evening, James Nostrand, the present incumbent, was renominated for the office of Supervisor; Capt. George E. Bennett received the nomination for Justice of the Peace over Thomas Bradlee, the present incumbent.

In the other towns, with the exception of Newtown and Oyster Bay, the Republicans will, it is thought, elect their Supervisors, and this result, it is but fair to say, will be owing in a great measure to the action of the present Board in locating the proposed new Court-house at Long Island City. Mr. Franklin, the present incumbent from Oyster Bay, has no opposition here. The Republican candidate in Flushing, Mr. Robert Willetts, is opposed to the present incumbent, Charles Roe, brother of the late County Treasurer. Mr. Robert Coogins of Newtown, at present a member of the board, has no opposition. Mr. John M. Clarke has been nominated by the Republicans of North Hempstead, and the Democrats of that place have renominated the present incumbent, Mr. Henry D. Remsen. No nominations have as yet been made for the supervisorship of Long Island City, as the election will not be held until the last day of April.

Hoboken and Jersey City—Meeting in Opposition to Annexation.

A large meeting of citizens of Hoboken was held last evening at Odd-fellow's Hall, in that city, for the purpose of having a general expression of views with reference to the bill now before the New-Jersey Legislature to consolidate Hoboken with Jersey City, and also the bill to issue $150,000 of bonds for the purpose of building a sewer to drain the meadows. The meeting was called by the Mayor and Common Council. Mr. Charles Chamberlain presided.

After a full discussion of the subject, a resolution was passed declaring that the annexation bill now before the Legislature does not represent the views of the citizens of Hoboken.

Street Commissioner Reid proposed an amendment to the bill, making the adoption of the measure dependent on the vote of a majority of the citizens of each of the cities, instead of both of the cities, as it now reads. The amendment was adopted.

A committee of one hundred, to which was added the Mayor and Council, was appointed to go to Trenton and urge the passage of the bill as amended.

A resolution in favor of the Sewerage bill was passed, after which the meeting adjourned.

A Frail Craft with Awkward Occupants.

From the Portland Oregonian, March 17.

A lover of novelties was trying his hand at running a *kajak* or Sitka boat in the river, yesterday morning. The frail craft consists of a light frame, cigar-shaped, and covered with seal skin, and weighs but a few pounds. It will, however, carry a full-grown man over the surface of the water very nicely, as long as the passenger keeps his equilibrium with perfect exactness, but let him swerve by so much as an ounce to one side or the other, and the boat is bottom upward in a twinkling. The first young man who tried it yesterday rode about the distance of ten feet, and went over beautifully, to the merriment of numerous spectators who lined the bank. He quickly swam ashore, and went homeward in a very damp condition. The owner of the craft then attempted the feat of riding the concern, and his first effort met with little better success, for he was soon floundering in the river. But he was nothing daunted, and with dripping garments he drew the boat ashore, emptied the water out, and again took his seat in her, handled himself with great care, and succeeded in running his vessel ashore before she upset again.

How to Obtain a New City Prison.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The recent proposition to convert the "Tombs" to other purposes, and erect in some more suitable location a City Prison, will meet with public favor. A more unfit location and a more unfit building for a prison could not well be conceived. The "collect" at this point was filled in with refuse, which created such a nuisance that the people petitioned the Common Council to have it abated. The present building stands on piles driven into this filth. Its its construction no thought was given to proper drainage or ventilation. The air of the lower tier of cells, saturated with foul emanations from the sinks, is changed only on the principle of the diffusion of gases. Let any one step into one of these crypts, and he will at once notice that his respirations become short and hurried. Commissioner Isaac Bell stated that he would not stable his horse or confine his dog in this building, and yet the City daily confines an average of nearly 500 persons within its dismal walls, and in a space originally intended for 120 persons. The Board and the Common Council unite in declaring the Tombs unfit for the purposes of a prison.

The question arises, where shall a new prison be located, and how can it be built so as to avoid Jobbery? One answer will suffice for both questions, viz.: Convert Bellevue Hospital again into a City Prison. I say again, for these buildings were originally erected for a prison, but subsequently became an almshouse. On the erection of the Tombs and Penitentiary the prisoners were removed, as almshouse was opened on Blackwell's Island, and gradually the present buildings were converted into a hospital. The location of these buildings are now as unfit for a hospital as the Tombs site and buildings are for a prison. The hospital is completely shut in by manufactories; the buildings, erected now sixty years since, have none of the improvements in modern hospital construction, and as a consequence, the mortality is excessive. This hospital must also soon be removed to the island, and a building embodying all the improvements of modern hospital architecture must be erected.

If these two reforms could be effected at the same time, under the Charities Commission, there would be a great saving to the City, and two branches of that Commission's work would be placed on a proper footing. The hospital building could be readily converted into a prison, with work-shops, as formerly, and many branches of prison industry could be carried on to great advantage, as at the Albany Penitentiary. There are also buildings on the grounds which are admirably adapted for courts.

If it is asked how long it would require to make the change, I answer, not one month. The Commissioners should open a suitable small hospital, or hospitals, for some cases, (as Bloomingdale's Hospital, which is now unoccupied,) and remove the chronic cases to the islands, where there is ample room for them. The hospital buildings could thus be vacated in a very few days, and they would then be ready for such alterations as would adapt them for prison purposes. New-York would then have a city edifice worthy of its fair fame for admirable public charities, and the sick poor would be treated in convalescent hospitals, where they would have a chance of recovering from the diseases of which they are afflicted. REFORM.

Another Story About That Extraordinary California Hunter.

From the Trinity (Cal.) Journal, March 1.

John Day, whose adventure with a bear we detailed week before last, recently fell in with a California lion, and fought him single-handed under the most exciting circumstances. Tuesday of last week, Day was hunting in the mountains back of Steiner's Flat. The dogs brought something to bay high up on the mountain side. Supposing the game to be a lynx or a wild-cat, he made his way to the spot, guided by the noise of the dogs. Before reaching the dogs, the mountain side became so steep that it was with the greatest difficulty he made the ascent. Finally he arrived near the place and found an almost level spot upon which to stand. Casting his eyes upward, he beheld upon a cliff some ten or twelve feet above, a large California lion, crouched and angry. Our hero lost no time, but leveled his rifle at the animal's head. Growling with pain and rage the infuriated beast sprang down, full of fight and fury, and the hunter found himself prostrate beneath his savage antagonist. His gun was knocked out of his hands and went sliding down the slope. He had a butcher's knife, but that was in his boot, and, unfortunately, he had a pair of overalls over all. There was, luckily, a hole in the overalls through which he succeeded in getting his hand in and got his knife. He struck the brute in the head with the knife the first time, but the skin was so tough and wrinkled that the knife failed to penetrate. The second time he stabbed the animal near the small of the back. Uttering a yell, the animal bounded away. Day immediately regained his feet and found himself but slightly injured. The lion having gone down the hill some distance, stopped. His rifle being between him and the lion, Day made for his gun, and after getting it, so steep was the ground, he could not keep his footing, but went slipping and sliding until he was almost upon his foe. But the lion had no desire to renew the conflict, and when he saw the enemy descending upon him he started for the mountains on the opposite side, screaming worse than any female. Single-handed, no man is a match for a full-grown California lion, but Day was decidedly in luck, considering that his shot did not prove fatal. The lion, somehow, had lost one of his fore paws—perhaps in a trap. This prevented it from using its fore feet, and likely discouraged it. Day's bullet broke its under jaw. The only wounds Day received were in the shoulder, inflicted by the lion's upper teeth in its attempts to bite.

The *Young Ladies' Journal* is an English periodical devoted to the fashions and general literature. Its publishers are lavish in their issue of illustrated supplements of unusual variety and very fair excellence. The journal has recently been rapidly growing in popularity on this side of the Atlantic, and has now established a branch publication office in New-York, under the charge of Mr. R. C. Gurney, at No. 100 Pearl-street.

Few persons are aware of the great extent to which the new remedy for rupture has now been adopted. The Elastic Truss Company, No. 683 Broadway, New-York, now send away by mail from fifty to 150 of the new trusses every day, in addition to their City trade. This truss retains the rupture with absolute security. It is worn with ease night and day, and soon effects a permanent cure. Pamphlet describing circulars sent free on application.—*Harper's Weekly of April 5, 1873.*

All who intend visiting France should attend Prof. Etienne Lambert's classes at No. 1,288 Broadway. The first lesson is free to all, that they may judge for themselves. Simply mastering a few practical idioms, indispensable in traveling and daily intercourse, will prove the means of trebling their enjoyment, while materially reducing their expenses.—*Mail.* Send for circular.

BRAUNSDORF & METZ have removed their large stock of first-class Cabinet Furniture, Draperies, &c., from No. 125 Ravington-st. to their new and elegant buildings, Nos. 433 and 435 7th-av., near 34th-st.—*Advertisement.*

Persons who are obliged to use stimulants should try Century Whiskey. It is entirely free from fusil oil, and is the purest stimulant in existence. For sale by druggists and first-class dealers generally.—*Advertisement.*

Burnett's Florimel,
AN EXQUISITE HANDKERCHIEF PERFUME.
Sold by all Druggists.—*Advertisement.*

Batchelor's Hair Dye is the Best in the world—the only safe, true and perfect hair dye. No ridiculous tints—no disappointment—harmless, reliable, instantaneous black or brown. At all druggists and No. 16 Bond-st.

For Moth Patches, Freckles, and Tan, use PERRY'S MOTH AND FRECKLE LOTION. Sold by druggists everywhere. Depot No. 49 Bond-st., New-York.

Wedding Cards, Elegant Styles, at WM. EVERDELL'S SONS', No. 104 Fulton-st.

Visconti's Tuscan Salad Oil.
Choice Olive.

For a Stylish and Elegant Hat go to ESPENSCHEID, manufacturer, No. 118 Nassau-st.

DIED.

ADAMS.—On Friday morning, March 28, HENRY M. ADAMS, in the 53d year of his age.

Relatives and friends of the family, members of Holland Lodge No. 5, F. and A. M., Companions of Jerusalem Chapter No. 8, R. A. M., and Sir Knights of Coeur de Leon Commandery are invited to attend the funeral, from St. Ann's Episcopal Church, 184th-st., near 8th-av., on Sunday, 30th inst., at 1 P. M.

COOPER.—On Thursday, March 27, JOHN COOPER, Sr., in the 63d year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family, and the members of the Central Park Baptist Church, are invited to attend his funeral services at the residence of his son, No. 312 East 78th-st., on Sunday, 30th inst., at 1 P.

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KNOWN AS THE
POST ESTATE.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction on TUESDAY, April 1, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway,

(By order of the heirs of Joel Post, deceased,)
THIS VALUABLE ESTATE,
Comprising
165 LOTS,
is most beautifully located on
THE RIVERSIDE PARK
and
BOULEVARD
and on
CLERMONT-AV.,
between 127th and 128th sts.
65 OF THE LOTS
Front the Riverside Park and Hudson River,
Commanding a Magnificent View of Both.

That this Park and the Boulevard running along its eastern boundary are destined to become in a very short time

THE FAVORITE RESORT

of New-Yorkers and strangers visiting the City, drawn thither by the

BEAUTY OF ITS DRIVES
and ever-changing
PANORAMIC VIEWS,

will not admit of a doubt. Equally certain is it that these same reasons will cause lots fronting on and square to the Park to be sought after with greater avidity than was ever shown to obtain them on Central Park.

A RAPID TRANSIT ROAD,

the construction of which seems to be almost a certainty, will bring this property, in point of time, much nearer the business portion of the City than 34th-st. now is.

The sale will be
PEREMPTORY,

TITLE INDISPUTABLE, having been in the Post family for a great number of years.

SEVENTY PER CENT. MAY REMAIN ON BOND AND MORTGAGE.

Printed abstracts of title will be furnished free of charge.

Maps at the office of the auctioneers.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE PROPERTY AT RIVERDALE ON THE HUDSON RIVER.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell at auction, on THURSDAY, April 3, 1873, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway:

The property of H. L. Atherton, Esq., at Riverdale, 283 lots, comprising the land on Riverdale, River, and Palisade avenues; laid out in 5 plots, and 11 plots on Broadway and the old post-road.

Of these plots ten River-av. fronting the house, stable, and outbuildings and 29 lots. The house has gas, water, burglar-alarm, and all modern improvements, and is in excellent order for immediate occupation.

Two plots on Palisade-av., one on River-av., and one on Riverdale-av., have fine river views; trees cut out, and are ready for immediate improvement.

Also, one seventh of an undivided interest in the dock and water-right at Riverdale Station.

Also, two houses on the old Post-road, with large plots, and several villa plots on Broadway, beautifully situated, with fine trees, and near the Boston and New-York Railroad Company, now building. Distance thirty-six minutes to 30th-st. or 42d-st., and by elevated railroad one hour to Wall-st. Full particulars and permits to see the house can be obtained at the office of the auctioneers.

Seventy per cent. can remain on bond and mortgage for three years.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

Valuable Lots on 9th-av., 124th and 125th sts.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will sell

AT AUCTION,
ON MONDAY, MARCH 31, at 12 o'clock,
At the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway:
NINTH-AVENUE.—Two lots, south-east corner 9th-av. and 125th-st.
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH-STREET.—Nine lots, north side, 100 feet west of 9th-av.
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH-STREET.—Four lots, south side, about seven feet two inches west of Manhattan-st.

Maps at the office of auctioneers, No. 7 Pine-st.

MORRIS WILKINS, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE PROPERTY, NOS. 49 AND 51 JANE-STREET.

E. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at public auction at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York, Monday, the thirty-first day of March, 1873, at 12 o'clock noon, all that lot of land in the City of New-York, beginning on the northerly line of Jane-street, ninety-eight feet, and six inches easterly from Hudson-street, running thence easterly along Jane-street twenty-five feet, thence northerly eighty-eight feet three inches, thence westerly twenty-five feet, and thence southerly ninety-one feet to the point of beginning.

Also, all that other lot in said City beginning on said northerly line of Jane-street, one hundred and twenty-three feet and six inches easterly from Hudson-street, running thence easterly along Jane-street twenty-seven feet and six inches, thence northerly eighty-eight feet, thence westerly twenty-seven feet six inches, and thence southerly eighty-eight feet and three inches to the point of beginning.

On No. 49 is a four-story and basement double tenement and on No. 51 is a five-story double tenement house: both are in good order, with a good class of tenants. A large portion of the purchase-money may remain on bond and mortgage. For further particulars apply to

FLANAGAN, BRIGHT & MARTIN,
Attorneys, No. 31 Nassau-st.

SUPREME COURT SALE
IN PARTITION,
VALUABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE
ON THE
GRAND BOULEVARD AND 100TH-ST.,
AND
IRVING-PLACE, NEAR 17TH-ST.

MULLER, WILKINS & CO., Auctioneers, will sell at auction, on WEDNESDAY, April 2, 1873, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, under the direction of

ALBON P. MAN, Esq., Referee.

BOULEVARD AND ONE HUNDREDTH-STREET.—Two lots, situate on the north-east corner of Boulevard and 100th-st., with six lots on rear, fronting on 100th-st.; on these last-mentioned lots is a substantial dwelling-house. Also, two lots on the south-east corner of Boulevard and 100th-st., with five lots on rear, fronting on 100th-st., on which there are two frame houses.

IRVING-PLACE.—The two and a half story brick house and lot, situate on the westerly side of Irving-place, between 16th and 17th sts., and known as No. 43; house, 42.2 deep; lot, 24x72 feet, with right of light in rear. Also, the two and a half story brick house and lot, adjoining the above on the northerly side, and known as No. 45; house, 35 feet; lot, 19x80 feet.

SALE PEREMPTORY, WITHOUT RESERVE.

For further particulars as to terms, title, &c., apply to S. P. & F. H. COWDREY, Attorneys, No. 67 Wall-st.

Maps at the office of the auctioneers, No. 7 Pine-st., New-York.

TRUSTEES' SALE.

WILLIAM KENNELLY, Sheriff's Auctioneer, will sell at auction, on

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2,
at 12 o'clock M., at the exchange Sales-rooms, No. 111 Broadway,
TRUSTEES' SALE,
(by order of the undersigned trustees of Walter Roche),

EIGHTH-AVENUE, (north-east corner of 58th-st.)—Four five-story brown-stone houses, with stores, Nos. 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007 8th-av.; good buildings. Fine location.

FIFTY-FIFTH-STREET.—Four-story F. connected brown-stone, No. 237 West 55th-st., in the rear of the above.

SIXTY-EIGHTH-STREET.—The undivided half interest of the north side and part of lot on north side of 68th-st., 100 feet west of 9th-av., each lot 25x100.4.

ONE HUNDREDTH-STREET.—Full lot south side of 100th-st., 200 feet east of 10th-av.

MADISON-ST.—Three-story brick house, No. 27; house and lot 21x74.

MOTT-STREET.—Nos. 68, 70, 72 and 74 Mott-st., houses and lots, each lot 20x94.

BAXTER-STREET.—No. 121, front and rear houses.

Maps and particulars at auctioneer's office, No. 4 Pine-st.

JEREMIAH QUINLAN,
JAMES LYNCH,
JOHN E. DEVELIN, } Trustees.

NICHOLAS B. CONNOR, Auctioneer.

REVERDE'S SALE OF VALUABLE SAILORS' SNUG HARBOR LEASE, NO. 16 UNIVERSITY-PLACE.

HUGH N. CAMP will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, April 1, 1873, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, (Trinity Building,) New-York, sale by order of L. W. Emerson, Esq., referee:

The Sailors' Snug Harbor lease of the premises, No. 16 University-place, west side, 70.7½ feet north of Clinton-place, three-story high-stoop brick house, 23.6½ by about 63 feet deep, with two-story brick extension 20 feet deep. The lease has twenty-one years to run from May 1, 1876, at an annual ground rent of $200. Lot 23.6½ front, 23.5½ rear, 90.8 north line, 88.11½ south line.

Maps, &c., at the auctioneer's office, No. 106 Broadway, New-York.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, southern District of New-York.—In the matter of MARTIN BRAY, bankrupt.—Notice is hereby given that by order of the Register having charge of this matter, I will sell at public auction, on MONDAY the 31st day of March inst., at 12 o'clock noon, by ——, Auctioneers, at No. 428 First-avenue, New-York City, a lease of the house and store, No. 428 First-avenue, New-York City, having three years to run from May 1, 1873, and also the fixtures contained in the store on said premises, suitable for liquor business.

OLIVER FISKE,
United States Marshal.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

JERE. JOHNSON, Jr. Auctioneer.

500 MEN AND WOMEN,
with eyes wide open, will stand in
JERE. JOHNSON, Jr.'s Auction Room,
No. 309 Fulton-st., Brooklyn,
at 12 o'clock to-morrow, (MONDAY,)
and see
350 SPLENDID LOTS,
located in the
21ST WARD, BROOKLYN,
SOLD FOR A SONG.

If you don't believe it,

go yourself to the auction room,

WITNESS THE SPECTACLE.

Out of the entire 500 present, only

50 WILL HAVE PLUCK TO BUY.

As soon as the sale is over, the remaining 450 will run around among the fortunate purchasers and offer $50 ADVANCE ON EACH LOT.

Is will then be too late. None who buy will resell at any such figure. Otherwise: purchase of the auctioneer. Don't run the risk of getting the lots after the sale. Go early to the auction room. There will be a crowd. Remember the place, No. 309 Fulton-st., Brooklyn. The time 12 o'clock, MONDAY, March 31. Maps at No. 21 Park-row.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

PARTITION SALE OF VALUABLE CANAL-ST. PROPERTY.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. will sell at auction, on WEDNESDAY, April 2, at 12 M., at the Exchange Sales-room:

CANAL-STREET.—The five-story brown-stone factory, No. 438 Canal-st., running through to Vestry-st., 25x99, building covering entire lot, and now used as a furniture warehouse; Trinity Church lease, fourteen years to run; terms easy.

Maps at No. 77 Cedar-st.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

MONDAY, MARCH 31, AT 12 M.,
at Exchange Sales room, No. 111 Broadway:
SIXTH-STREET.—Nos. 639 and 641 6th-st., near Avenue B, two four-story brick houses with store on first floor and stable in rear, size 46x90.10; gas and Croton; sale absolute, possession May 1.

Maps at No. 77 Cedar-st.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO., Auctioneers.

EXECUTOR'S SALE, ESTATE OF THE LATE DANIEL MARLEY.
THURSDAY, APRIL 3,
At 12 M., at Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway
Three-story frame house and lot No. 202 West 34th st., next to south-west corner of 7th-av., size 21x80; house contains thirteen rooms, and is conveniently arranged, and recently put in complete repair. Maps at No. 77 Cedar-st.

JOSEPH MCGUIRE, Auctioneer,

WILL SELL AT AUCTION, ON THURSDAY, April 3, 1873, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway;

The valuable three-story and basement high-stoop brick house and lot No. 225 East 50th-st. House in good order, front parlor frescoed and walls painted throughout.

The valuable four full lots on the north-east corner of New-av. and 142d-st, and within 350 feet of 8th-av. One full lot north side of 76th-st., 200 feet west of Avenue A.

Maps at auctioneer's office, No. 87 Cedar-st.

D. M. SEAMAN, Auctioneer.

FIRST-CLASS HOUSE AND LOT ON 76TH-ST.—D. M. SEAMAN will sell at auction, on THURSDAY, April 3, 1873, at 12 o'clock, at Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, the three-story basement and under-cellar brown-stone house No. 308 East 79th-st., near 2d-av.; lot, 18.8x102.2; house, 45 feet deep; built by days' work in best manner, with all modern improvements; terms liberal. Maps, &c., at No. 14 Pine-st.

CORPORATION SALE OF REAL ESTATE AND LEASES OF FERRY FRANCHISES.

Public notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the City of New-York will offer for sale at public auction, on TUESDAY, April 29, 1873, at noon, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York, the following real estate belonging to the Corporation of the City of New-York:

Premises known as No. 160 Wooster-st.
Premises known as No. 312 West 35th-st.
Premises known as No. 53 Spring-st.
Premises known as No 49 Leonard-st.
Building and land on the east side of Avenue C between 16th and 17th sts., known as the Eighteenth Ward Market.

Full warrantee deeds will be given to all purchasers. Lithographic maps of the above real estate may be obtained at the Controller's Office, on and after the 10th of April next.

ALSO,

sealed bids will be received, to be publicly opened at the Controller's Office on April 29, 1873, at 3 o'clock P. M., for leases for a term of ten years, from May 1, 1873, of the following ferries and ferry franchises:

Ferry now established from foot of Houston-st., East River, New-York, to foot of Grand-st., Brooklyn, E. D.

Ferry now established from foot of Grand-st., New-York to foot of Grand-st., Brooklyn, E. D.

Ferry now established from foot of 92d-st., East River, to Astoria, Long Island.

Lease of ferry franchise now established from foot of Barclay-st., North River, to Hoboken, N. J.

Lease of ferry franchise now established from foot of Desbrosses-st., North River, to foot of Harsimus-st., New-Jersey.

The leases to be made to conform to the requirements of laws relative to ferries, and such regulations, ordinances, or by-laws as are now or hereafter may from time to time be made or passed by the Common Council or State Legislature.

Bids to be addressed to the undersigned, and indorsed "Bids for Ferry Franchises."

The right to reject any bid, if deemed to be to the interest of the City of New-York, is reserved by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

ANDREW H. GREEN, Controller.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, NEW COUNTY COURT-HOUSE, March 27, 1873.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

15 EAST 49TH-ST., NEAR 5TH-AV.

For sale, in 49th-st., just east of 5th-av., a beautiful four-story brown-stone house, 17x80 feet. Has been recently overhauled in the most thorough manner; the plumbing-work, mantels, &c., being all new and of the best quality, and is tastefully decorated; lot 100.5 feet in depth.

The owner will sell the house with the handsome fixtures and furniture, or the house and lot can be bought without the furniture. We would recommend it to the attention of any one desiring to purchase an attractive house in the best location in New-York, at a very reasonable price. To a professional man it would be especially desirable. A comparatively small amount of cash to be paid down.

For further particulars and permits apply to
E. H. LUDLOW & CO.,
No. 3 Pine-st. and No. 35 East 17th-st.

A RAPID TRANSIT ROUTE, SUCH AS New-York and Brooklyn will not obtain in twenty years, is already secured by Hudson County, New-Jersey, embracing Jersey City, Hoboken, West Hoboken, North Bergen, Greenville, Bayonne, &c. Hudson County is the greatest steam-railroad centre in the world, and is as well supplied with horse-cars as New-York or Brooklyn. The following steam roads all have their stations within the county: The New-Jersey Central, Newark and New-York, New-Jersey or Pennsylvania Central, New-York and Erie, Northern New-Jersey, Midland, Montclair, Newark and Paterson, Hoboken, Weehawken and Union, and Essex and Delaware and Lackawanna. Fares are low, and speed is rapid. Any part of the county is reached in half the time necessary to reach Central or Prospect Parks. During the year 1872 more than $20,000,000 were spent by steam railroad corporations in acquiring title to property in Hudson County; and during 1873 more than $18,000,000 will be spent in railroad improvements.

THORNTON M. BODMAN,
REAL ESTATE AGENT,
No. 606 Broadway.

Offers for lease, store and dwelling No. 131 Waverley-place; will let together or separately; rent $1,250; store, with back room and front basement, $550; first floor $800.

Entire dwelling part of No. 76 6th-av., corner Waverley-place; good stand for dentistry, millinery, or dress-making; rent $700; possession immediately; will put in order.

FOR SALE.

A BARGAIN.—$15,000, COST $18,000.—THE three-story brown-stone front, 20x45x100. No. 240 East 51st-st., near 2d-av.; all improvements, furnace, and heater, bath, water closets, &c., gas fixtures, shades and oil-cloths; possession at once. Apply on premises, or of owner, No. 143 East 45th-st., near Lexington-av.

TWENTY-FIFTH-ST., BETWEEN 7TH and 8th avs.—A Good Block—For sale by order of the administrator, the high basement brick and stone 3-story high-stoop brick house, with all modern improvements and in good order; size 20.6x50x100. Apply to F. G. & D. BROWN, No. 90 Broadway, or WM. TUCKER, No. 220 5th-av.

A FEW FULL-SIZED BROWN-STONE houses, with extensions, of first-class build—5th-av., on 53d, 53d, 56th, 57th sts., replete with every convenience and luxury, and elaborate cabinet-work. For particulars, apply to WM. H. BAYNOR, No. 5½ Pine-st.

A FIRST-CLASS FOUR-STORY HIGH-stoop brown-stone house, 25x55x100, on 53d-st., a few doors west of 6th-av., will be sold with or without the elegant furniture for less than its value, and on easy terms, if applied for at once. Apply to ISAAC HONIG, 111 Broadway, Rooms G and H, basement.

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN.—THE elegant four-story brown-stone house on the north side of 74th-st., third house west of Madison-av.; size, 25x80; lot, 102; finished in hard-wood in the most superb manner. Party will be on the premises to show the same every afternoon from 1 to 3 o'clock.

FOR SALE.—A PLOT OF GROUND ON Greene-st., on west side, between Broome and Spring sts., 100 feet square, on which the Methodist Episcopal Church and parsonage now stand. Apply to JOHN M. CLAWSON, No. 130 Spring-st.

FOR SALE.—THE SPLENDID EXTRA WIDE 3-story brick house, No. 4 East 46th-st., just west of 5th-av.; the house is in perfect order, frescoed throughout.

Apply to
HUGH N. CAMP,
No. 100 Broadway, corner Pine-st.

STANTON-ST. AND EAST RIVER.—Thirty-six lots, with 200 feet of water front, and all rights secured, for sale at $4,000 a lot; a most desirable property.
F. G. & D. BROWN,
No. 90 Broadway.

A BARGAIN.—THE THREE-STORY HIGH-stoop brick house, No. 440 West 22d-st., 25 feet wide and in perfect order, will be sold cheap to a quick buyer; neighborhood first class. Apply to ISAAC HONIG, 111 Broadway, Rooms G and H, basement.

A FINE PLOT OF SIX OR TEN LOTS, quite near 8th-av., below 58th-st.; price and terms very favorable; others from 47th to 100th sts., between 6th and 8th avs.; harassing.
W. P. SEYMOUR, No. 171 Broadway.

A COMPLETE, SMALL, BROWN-STONE HOUSE, near Madison-av, at a bargain; others between 4th and 6th avenues, from $22,000 to $16,000.

BLACKWELL & Co., No. 55 Liberty-st.

FOR SALE—IN WEST 44TH-ST., FIRST-class three-story and basement high-stoop brown-stone-front houses, Nos. 243 to 253; 20x50x18.9x50; prices $17,000 and $16,000. Inquire on premises, or of JAMES HENDERSON, No. 292 7th-av.

TO PHYSICIANS AND OTHERS.—A FINE 3-story brown-stone English-basement House, No. 162 West 34th-st., for sale very cheap. Apply at the house, or to W. P. SEYMOUR, No. 171 Broadway.

THREE LOTS FOR SALE OR TO lease on 30th-st., west of 6th-av.; three on Gansevoort-st., near West-st.; one on 51st-st., near 8th-av. Apply to OWNER, No. 240 West 55th-st.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE,
CITY AND COUNTRY PROPERTY.

Three-story brown-stone house and lot, No. 110 East 80th-st., 18.4x46x102. $18,000.

150 acres valuable land on North River, two miles below Peekskill: elegant building sites.

Four-story house and lots on Stuyvesant-st., running through to 9th-st., 80 feet on each street.

Mansion and forty acres (50Q lots) at Whitestone; elevated land, and near depot; large orchard, gardens, full assortment of fruit in bearing; all in good order.

House, lot, and stable at Elizabeth, N. J.; two-story and French roof; desirable situation on Grierav., 58.9x200, $14,000.

FOR SALE OR TO LET.

House and lot No. 361 Grand-av., Brooklyn, two story, frame, $5,500.

House and lot No. 545½ Hancock-st., Brooklyn, two story, French roof, $5,500.

House and lot No. 92 Hopkins-st., Brooklyn, two story, frame, $3,000.

House and lot No. 83 Hewes-st., Brooklyn, two story, brick, $6,000.

Usual brokerage allowed for actual sale.

Apply to TATHAM & BROTHERS, No. 82 Beekman-st.

HUGH N. CAMP, NO. 106 BROADWAY, corner Pine-st., offers the following full blocks for sale:

MADISON AND FOURTH AVENUES, BELOW SEVENTY-SECOND-STREET.—Thirty-two lots.

MADISON AND FOURTH AVENUES, BELOW ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH-STREET.—Thirty-two lots.

GRAND BOULEVARD, SOUTH OF EIGHTY-NINTH-STREET.—Thirty-two lots.

SEVENTH-AVENUE BOULEVARD, NEAR THE PARK.—About thirty-four lots.

EIGHTH-AVENUE, IN THE VICINITY ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIXTH-STREET.—About twenty-two lots.

ST. NICHOLAS AND TENTH AVENUES, SOUTH OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH-STREET.—Sixty-four lots.

Full particulars at office.

A FEW PLOTS OF LOTS LEFT THAT will be sold at bargains.
5 lots on corner 134th-st. and 8th-av.
5 lots on 134th-st., between 7th and 8th avs.
4 lots on 131st-st., between 8th and 7th avs.
8 lots on 6th-av., between 124th and 125th sts.
16 lots on 123d and 122d sts., between 6th and 7th avs.
Several plots on 7th and 8th avs.
A handsome front on 7th-av., between 57th and 58th sts.
5 lots on corner 126th-st. and 6th-av.
A. WARNER PLATT,
No. 115 Broadway.

CHOICELY LOCATED DWELLINGS, near 5th-av.:
$75,000.—34th-st., 24x61.6x98.9 feet.
$30,000.—30th-st., 20x45x100 feet.
$45,000.—38th-st., 21x50x100 feet.
$35,000.—39th-st., 20.6x55x100 feet.
$46,000.—41st-st., 22x55x100 feet.
$42,500.—42d-st., 22x55x100 feet.
$63,500.—45th-st., 21.4x60x100 feet.
V. K. STEVENSON, JR., No. 11 Pine-st.

ALL FIRST-CLASS HOUSES, AT west sides, 512-av., Nos. 564, 568, 590, 614, 624, 744, 746, 781, and 785; No. 278 West 59th-st.; Nos. 5 and 11 East 41st-st.; No. 5 East 42d-st.; No. 14 East 43d-st.; Nos. 22 East 44th-st.; No. 13 West 46th-st.; Nos. 7, 14, 16, and 18 East, and 21, 25, and 31 West 48th-st.; Nos. 25, 50, and 67 West 53d-st.; Nos. 9, 10, and 16 West, and Nos. 1, 15, and 19 East 53d-st.; Nos. 20, 24, 28, and 41 West 56th-st.; No. 8 West, and No. 16 to 24 East 57th-st. V. K. STEVENSON, Jr., 11 Pine-st and 238 5th-av.

FOR SALE OR TO LET—THE FOUR-story high-stoop brown-stone house, on Madison-av., four doors from 79th-st.; will be let reasonable or sold on easy terms.

Apply to owner, from 6 to 7½ P. M., at No. 122 West 48th-st., or at No. 362 Canal-st., from 8 to 11 A. M.

FOR SALE—THE LARGEST PLOT OF UNimproved property in the lower part of the City, fronting on Cherry and Monroe sts., between Jefferson and Clinton sts., eligible for extensive factory or building purposes. Apply to
B. WEBBER,
No. 56 Rutgers-st.

FOR SALE.—THREE HANDSOMELY-FURnished small four-story brown-stone houses, on 61st-st., between 6th and Madison aves.; locality in the City; all improvements; cabinet-work, plate-glass, walnut-stairs, &c.; price $22,000 each. Can be seen at all times. D. & J. JARDINE, Architects, No. 1,267 Broadway.

A BARGAIN ON 62D-ST.—LOOKING 3 inches from Lexington-av., a three-story high-stoop, brown-stone house; hard-wood trimmings, with all conveniences, with furniture, &c., new last Spring; only $22,000. Apply to W. H. RAYNOR, No. 5½ Pine-st.

THE FINEST LOCATION IN THE country—Opposite Central Park, on 8th-av., between 86th and 87th sts.; house, 22 feet wide, $125,000; near 86th-st., in perfect order, $74,000; a bargain. Apply to W. H. RAYNOR, No. 5½ Pine-st.

EXTRA CHEAP FULL-SIZE NEW houses, Nos. 1, 15, 17, and 19 East 53d-st., and north-east corner Madison-av. and 53d-st., two medium-size dwellings; some owner; bargains.
V. K. STEVENSON, Jr., No. 11 Pine-st.

A FINE FOUR-STORY HIGH-STOOP house, 74th-st., near Madison-av., and three-story, 79th-st., near 3d-av.: none handsomer finished; must be sold at great sacrifice. S. KLABER, No. 223 West 51st-st., owner.

FORTY-EIGHTH-ST., BETWEEN 5TH and 6th avs.—A very desirable, newly and artistically frescoed residence, choicely located, 21.6x51x100 feet; price very reasonable. V. K. STEVENSON, Jr., No. 11 Pine-st.

$22,500.—FOUR-STORY BROWN-stone high-stoop house in West 44th-st., 22 feet front; immediate possession. Apply promptly to OGDEN & CLARK, Broadway, Corner of 17th-st.

A FURNISHED HOUSE TO LET IN West 18th-st., between 5th and 6th avs.: very desirable, well furnished; possession at once: rent only $300 per month.
OGDEN & CLARK,
Broadway, Corner of 17th-st.

A.—FIFTH-AV. RESIDENCE.—CHARming position; well planned; frescoed; reasonable price to insure speedy sale; near 49th-st.
V. K. STEVENSON, Jr., No. 11 Pine-st.

TENEMENT PROPERTY.—NEW FIVE-story brick building, all rented for $3,100 per year, situated on West side, can be bought very low if applied for prompt cash.
OGDEN & CLARK,
Broadway, Corner of 17th-st.

FINE FIVE-STORY BROWN-stone store, No. 83 Murray-st., for sale very cheap. Inquire of FRANK PHILLIPS, No. 245 Broadway.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

WILL INVESTORS, CAPITALISTS, and speculators remember that the greatest city in America, during the lifetime of many persons now living, will be on the west side of the Hudson River, in Hudson County, N. J., and in that county is now the cheapest land near New-York. It is so low that values throughout the county will double every five years for twenty years. So come, while the individual sum of New-York and Brooklyn property must contract.

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NEW-YORK, March 25, 1873.

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HENRY H. STEVENS, Assignee, No. 19 Court-street, Boston.

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Overture—

OUR TAXATION.

Address by Mr. David A. Wells—Defects of the Present System—The Remedies Suggested.

A special meeting of the members of the Union League Club was convened last evening to listen to an address by Hon. David A. Wells, on his new system of taxation for the State of New-York, Mr. Salem H. Wells, the vice-president, in the chair.

Mr. Wells, who was received with applause, said: On my way to the City for the purpose of accepting your polite invitation, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I fell in with a gentleman who has filled no small share of public attention, who has had great experience as a presiding officer in both National and State Legislatures, and whose facility in the use of words is such that he well merits the epithet of silver tongue. He said to me, I understand that you are to speak before the members of the Union League Club to-morrow night on the subject of taxation. I said, I have had accepted such an invitation. Well, said he, I have a good deal of experience in public speaking, but I think that if I was to address an audience such as the Union League Club would bring together, composed of the best men in New-York, men keen in intellect, with a large grasp of economical subjects, I think I should feel a little nervous. I hope you don't? Perhaps, Mr. Chairman, if I had that advice given me before I accepted the invitation of your Executive Committee, I might have declined, but I am here to-night in answer to your call, and also through feeling a sense of obligation which, as a member of an important State Commission, intrusted with the investigation of an important subject, I fully recognize, namely, to respond to any legitimate call that might be made to me for information concerning my work or its conclusion. I desire to say at the outset that I do not propose to ask your attention to that form of taxation which, under the general name of State or local, comes more directly under every man's cognizance, and with which the prosperity and material development of the State is more intimately connected.

THE SCOPE OF TAXATION.

First, a word or two in regard to the scope of taxation. A State, in order to exist complete and entirely, must have a sovereignty, and in order to have sovereignty there must be a jurisdiction over persons and property of all citizens embraced within the territory over which sovereignty is exercised. That State sovereignty extends over persons, even to the taking of life, and to the compulsion of service for military and other duties. I need furnish no illustrations under that head, but it is now generally known and recognized, that the power of the State over property is equally coexistensive and absolute with the power of the State over the person. For, as Chief-Justice Marshal remarked, in deriving the State of Maryland the right to tax the Bank of the United States, "the power of taxation involves the power to destroy," and in a further opinion given by the same Court where the same question was at issue, he held that if the right of taxation existed in any degree, it, from its nature, was not susceptible of limitations, or, in other words, if the right of taxation exists in the State to the extent of half or one per cent., it exists to the extent of ten, or twenty, or even, if the State so wills it, of taking the whole property. I need give you no numerous illustrations to convince you of the tremendous power that is involved in the exercise of taxation, and, therefore, I will proceed to inquire in what manner the State exercises that power, and whether she has exercised it as she ought to in consonance with the high principles of justice and equality. Before entering upon that inquiry, I want to call your attention to another point. Taxation is everywhere regarded as an evil, but in itself taxation is no more an evil than any other class of legitimate public expenditures. In fact, it is a problem capable of demonstration that there is no one act which a community can perform which will bring so large a return to the credit of civilization and general happiness as a judicious expenditure of a fair percentage of the public wealth collected under an equable system of taxation. And it may be affirmed that there can be no such thing as a high decree of civilization, or that a community cannot exist in a highly civilized state, without a very large measure of taxation; and in asserting this I would not, of course, assert the converse of that proposition that high taxes indicate a high civilization, for we know by experience the contrary to be the contrary.

WHAT SORT OF SYSTEM HAVE WE?

Let us now proceed to inquire what sort of system we have in the State of New-York for exercising this tremendous and responsible power. The taxable property is real and personal, and the law says they must be assessed at their full and just value, real property embraces under its head lands and buildings, &c., as tangible and visible, easy to pass judgment upon. The returns of the taxation throughout the entire of the State of New York present some curious features. In Kings County the average assessment is sixty-seven and New-York sixty per cent., but in no other county do they rise in excess of fifty per cent., and we come down gradually until we find the assessment in real estate in such counties as New York State as low as fifteen per cent., and throughout the whole of the State the average cannot be presumed to be less than forty per cent. This variation from the law does not take place in the poor counties, but in the rich counties, as, for example, Westchester, where a recent assessment showed that the valuation of real estate was not much above fourteen or fifteen per cent. The same is true of Dutchess County. I will ask your attention to a few particulars in this respect. In 1842 the real estate of Oneida County was estimated at $9,935,000, and in 1869 it was $9,500,000, showing a decrease of value over $400,000. In Monroe County, including Rochester, in 1858, the valuation of real estate was $24,867,000, and in 1869 it was only $23,066,000, showing a decrease in eleven years of over $1,000,000. And so on. These irregularities in regard to the assessment of real estate are very great, but those that exist in connection with personal property are infinitely worse; in fact the whole system of assessing personal property in the State deserves no better name than that of chaotic. For 1871 the whole assessed value of the property of the State of New-York was about $2,000,000,000, of which personal property was returned at about $1,000 per cent. During the present year the assessed valuation has increased from $2,000,000,000 to $2,128,000,000, while the amount of the personal return from assessments is greatly decreased, and is now about 20 per cent. of the entire valuation. If we take out New-York City and Kings County from the assessment we find the relation of 20 to 100 runs down in the relation of 8 to 100, that is for the whole State.

TAXATION OF COUNTIES CONTRASTED.

Within the last few days the sheets of the census have been issued. They give the estimate made in 1870 of the United States officials of the wealth of the country, and having the sheets before me since I received your invitation, it occurred to me that I should compare the valuation of some of the counties of New-York in the census of the Government with the valuations returned for assessment during the same year by State officials. And these are some of the results: Albany County, in the valuation list, stands at $47,000,000; in the national census returns the valuation is $152,000,000. Dutchess County, under the State valuation, is $31,000,000, and under the United States valuation is $60,000,000. Erie, $41,000,000 against $162,000,000; Kings County, $94,001,000 against $700,000,000; New-York, $626,000,000 against $3,484,000,000; Seneca, $9,000,000 against $25,000,000, &c. Now, in the face of this showing, am I not warranted, gentlemen, in asserting that a more imperfect system of taxation does not exist on the face of the earth than this, which is operative to-day in the State of New-York, and I put it to you, whether it is not a shame and a disgrace, and a libel on our civilization, that it should be permitted to continue a day longer than is necessary. But granting that the change is to be made, the question that next arises is, what shall be the character of the change? And in order to answer that question it is expedient to consider briefly the principle on which the present system of taxation is founded, providing it has any principle.

THE PRINCIPLE OF THE PRESENT SYSTEM.

The theory which constitutes the basis of the system of taxation at present recognized in New-York, and most of the other States, assumes that, in order to tax equitably, it is necessary to assess every item and description of property, real and personal. In the early history of the country, when there was little competition among nations or sister States for ascendency in commercial and financial affairs; when negotiable instruments in the form of bonds (which can conveniently be owned, held, and transferred in any State or country, where they are untaxed) were almost unknown; and when property consisted mainly of things visible and tangible—lands, houses, cattle, slaves, ships, &c., and the rate of taxation insignificant—the practical application of this theory involved little of difficulty or inequality; but, as the present time, the condition of property having greatly changed, the results of taxation are altogether different. Thus, for example, fully one-fifth of the personal property of the country is represented by United States instrumentalities, bonds, legal tenders, notes, or money, which, by the decisions of the United States Supreme Court, are entirely beyond the reach of State authorities for the purpose of taxation. In the same category come also imported goods in original packages in the possession of the importers; and all property in transitu which, by the decision of the Court of Appeals, has been held exempt from taxation when owned by persons, firms, and corporations established and doing business in other States, but only selling their own goods in New-York through permanently-located agents. The property comprised under these two heads alone in the State of New-York aggregates hundreds of millions, but of which every dollar is beyond the reach of taxation. The laws of New-York also exempt from taxation the deposits and surplus of savings banks, now amounting to over $300,000,000, and, in accordance with the most obvious principles of justice and constitutional law, all visible, tangible property of its citizens, situated without the territory of the State, and under the jurisdiction and protection of some other sovereignty. Another large proportion of the personal property owned by the citizens of the State is of the most intangible character, and in great part invisible and incorporeal; such, for instance, as negotiable instruments in the form of bills of exchange, State, municipal, and corporate bonds, and, if actually situated in other States, exempt from taxation here; acknowledgments of individual indebtedness, &c. All property of this character is, through a great variety of circumstances, constantly fluctuating in value; is offset by indebtedness which may never be the same one hour with another; is easy of transfer, and by simple delivery is, in fact, transferred continually from one locality to another, and from the protection and laws of one State to the sovereignty and jurisdiction of some other. It is not to be wondered, therefore, that all attempts to value and assess this description of property have proved exceedingly unsatisfactory, and that nearly every civilized community, with the exception of the States of the Federal Union, have long ago abandoned the project as something wholly impedient and impracticable. And finally, in respect of taxation by the arbitrary, unjust, unequal, and piratical rule of residence, exempting the non-resident having the same class of evidences of debt and secured on property in this State, or having the same class of visible and taxable property within the taxing district as a resident; and as to so much of personal property as is visible, tangible, and clearly within the territory and jurisdiction of the State, but being instruments or subjects of commerce between States and nations, such as railroad cars, ships, steamboats, immense stocks of raw material and manufactured goods in store, owned or held in our great cities, which are in course to pass for consumption or transportation and, still more important, for the immense commerce and trade of thirty-seven sister States—all foreign nations with which New-York is brought into close commercial, financial, and industrial contact, and also the contiguous and competing State of Pennsylvania, exempt such persons and property from taxation. Does New-York afford to put her citizens at a comparative disadvantage in this respect? Can any one point to any disadvantage that has ever resulted anywhere from a policy of liberal legislation of the character indicated? But, on the other hand, do we not see Pennsylvania under her system of taxation advancing with giant-strides in wealth and population, while New-York, under the influence of old and exploded ideas, moves onward in development comparatively at a snail's pace? Is there not an inducement and a present tendency on the part of capitalists to leave a State where a discrimination of tax is levied on its citizens? The full force of violated economic laws will sooner or later be felt, and we must bear the burden of transgression.

THE DEFECTS OF THE SYSTEM.

With at present fully two-thirds of the personal property of the State therefore exempted from taxation by law, or by circumstances growing out of its condition, or the natural depravity and selfishness of the average taxpayer, and with a large part of the other one-fourth exempted by competing nations or neighboring States, what becomes of the theory so generally accepted in the United States that in order to tax equitably it is necessary to tax everything? If we turn to the experience of New-York herself for an answer, we find that, while it can be demonstrated that the aggregate of personal property in the State nearly or fully equals in value the aggregate of real property the proportion of the former returned for taxation is not in excess of one-fifth of the total assessed valuation; that while the State has been increasing in wealth and population, the ratio of personal to real property assessed in 1872 was less than it was in 1859; that the whole amount of personal property assessed in the State is not equal to the capital and surplus of the banks of the State and the deposits of the savings banks; and, finally, that in the great City of New-York, with a population of over 1,000,000, not two per cent. of her citizens (19,382) stand upon the books of the assessors as possessing any personal property subject to taxation. In short, there is not a citizen of the State who has given the subject the slightest attention, who does not know that the present system of taxation of personal property in New-York—State, County, and Municipal—is the most imperfect that ever existed; that, with the exception of moneyed corporations, it is a mere voluntary assessment which may be diminished at any time by an offset of indebtedness which the law invites the taxpayer to increase ad infinitum, borrowing on pledge of corporate stocks, United States bonds, legal-tender notes, &c., all exempt from taxation; that its administration in respect to justice and equity is a farce, and more uncertain and hazardous than the chances of the gaming table, and that its continuance is more provocative of immorality and more obstructive of material development than any one agency that can possibly be mentioned.

If it be, however, replied that the existing state of affairs is the fault of the law and its defective execution, and that with a more stringent law and better administration results would be far different, the answer is that in Massachusetts, where the law admits of no offsets of debts against visible and tangible property, and is regarded as complete, and where its execution is acknowledged to be most arbitrary and inquisitorial—some towns publishing each year every known item of each man's personal property, even down to the family pig and a string of sleigh-bells—the most intelligent officials admit that their system is a comparative failure, and almost a complete failure, as to reaching evidences of debt, and if they did not admit it, the evidence is to be found in the circumstance that securities of various descriptions are sold publicly every day to citizens of Massachusetts, for investment, at prices which it is notorious never could or would be given, provided the property in question was practically subjected to taxation and assessment. In England many of the oppressive taxations of labor under do not exist. Labor in the building of ships here will cost twice as much as it will in that country. And now, gentlemen, I ask you what chance have we under such a condition of things of ever putting a line of steamers successfully afloat in the ocean? We handicap our people with a weight that makes competition impossible.

THE FAILURE OF OUR FOREIGN COMMERCE.

There is no subject coming more home to the hearts of the people than the failure of our foreign commerce, and we have had committee after committee and Chamber of Commerce after Chamber of Commerce investigating and inquiring into this subject. So far as I know, the only result that they have arrived at is that it is inexpedient to give companies subsidies in the hope of resuscitating them, or, in other words, they propose to tax us a little more to remedy the difficulties created by taxation. The true way to restore that commerce is to take the back track and relieve your merchants from the burdens imposed upon them by taxation which formerly destroyed our commerce. [Applause.]

THE PROPOSED SYSTEM.

It is under such circumstances now that the Commissioners appointed under the act of 1870 come forward with a new system of taxation, and submit it for consideration and acceptance upon the Legislature and the people. They start with the fundamental proposition that it is not possible to tax everything primarily or directly, and that it is not necessary to attempt it in order to tax equitably; but, on the contrary, that if taxes are levied on a comparatively few articles, like real estate—which is certainty, proportionality, and uniformity, on a few items of property, like the franchises of all moneyed corporations enjoying the same privileges within the State, and on fixed and unvarying signs of property—like rental values of buildings—they will diffuse themselves with unerring certainty and equality. To carry out this idea they propose:

First—The real estate, lands, and buildings shall be taxed on a full and fair market valuation.

Second—That moneyed corporations and unincorporated deposit bankers shall be taxed.

Third—A little examination will show that under the two heads above specified are included almost all the property of the State now returned for assessment, and that what is not thus included is very difficult, if not wholly impossible, to fairly value and assess by any recognized rules of evidence or appraisement. In substitution, therefore, of all such defective and arbitrary taxation the Commissioners next propose the following (quoted from the code by them submitted):

SEC. 4. All real estate subject to taxation shall be liable to an additional or supplementary assessment of a sum equal to three times the rent or rental value of all buildings thereon, for the length of time actually occupied during the year terminating April 30 previous to making the assessment, or for the apartments of said buildings occupied as aforesaid. But no assessment shall be made under the provisions of this section in reference to buildings or apartments of buildings occupied by the unincorporated deposit bankers, or by the corporations enumerated and made subject to taxation, on their shares or corporate franchises and privileges, in section 3 of this title. The building shall be considered occupied, and occupied for the entire previous year, unless the assessors or board of review shall receive reliable information or evidence to the contrary from the owner or from some other reliable source; and any one of the assessors shall have power to administer an oath and take the testimony of the owner or occupier of buildings, or of other persons, as to the rental value thereof. The tax imposed according to the provisions of this section, shall be known as the "building occupancy" tax, and shall be a charge and a lien, the same as other real estate taxes, on the lots or parcel of land on which the occupied buildings are situated, and may be collected by distraint on the personal property of the person to whom said tax may be assessed, or by sale of the premises, or otherwise, and in the same manner as other taxes upon real estate are collected.

SEC. 5. The building occupancy assessment is deemed to be the best attainable and most uniform equivalent or estimate of the value of the personal property owned, in the possession or under the control of the occupiers as owners or tenants of buildings or apartments of buildings, or the index of said occupiers' expense or consumption, and made subject secondarily to the burden of taxation through the medium of primary taxation of occupied buildings.

SEC. 6. The owner of any real estate which is subject to a lease made previous to Jan. 1, 1874, may add the building-occupancy tax or the pro rata portion thereof to the rent, and when the landlord shall have paid said tax he shall be deemed to be subrogated to the rights of the State and the locality where the tax may be levied, and he may recover the amount of said tax from the tenant by distraint or by suit at law; but in all leases or contracts made after Jan. 1, 1874, for the rent of real estate, the landlord shall be deemed to have added the building-occupancy taxes to the amount of the stipulated rent, and thereby to have waived and released all claims upon the tenant for said taxes, unless there shall be a special contract between the parties.

It will be noticed that reflection has satisfied the commissioners that, for the purpose of uniformity and economy in assessment and collection, equitable and labor-saving clauses in taxation, it is necessary in a "building occupancy" tax to deal primarily only with the real estate, leaving the tax to be adjusted, as between landlord and tenant, according to the natural and immutable laws of supply and demand. All property not embraced under one of these provisions, as above stated, to be exempt from taxation.

THE OBJECTIONS TO THE NEW SYSTEM.

The objections urged against the new system are restricted mainly to the third provision, which provides a substitute for the existing assessment of personal property; but I would invite attention to the following considerations:

First.—No person can pay rent in any amount, or own or occupy any building, who does not necessarily have three times the value of such rent or rental value in personal property; civilized life cannot be carried on with any less amount of such property.

Second—A tax on rentals or rental values of buildings is especially a tax on income or expenditure without the machinery of personal inquisition and annoyance, and rent is more than any one thing the sign of personal property, expense or consumption, and the individual's own measure of his ability to spend. A man paying $1,000 annual rent must have an income of, at least, $3,000, which pre-supposes a capital in some form—property or brains—worth at least $40,000. Is it unjust or a hardship that such a person should pay one or two per cent. taxes per annum on three times his rental—$3,000, as the representative of his personal property, or precisely as specially taxes these taxes, if disproportioned to the taxpayer's expense and consumption, will be diffused over other persons and property?

Under the new system, therefore, the city store and lot would be regarded as a measure of $2,400 more of personal property, expenditure, or consumption than the country farm or property of the same value, a measure which the commissioners hold will prove to be entirely correct and equitable, both in theory and practice. But if the tax-payer in the country and the tax-payer in the city hold other personal property apart from their lands and buildings, and, by sale or barter, or conveyed-over portions, they will both be put on exactly the same footing as regards taxation or expenditure, and that, too, without the possibility of either assessing the other by fraud or evasions. Let us consider the effect of the proposed system.

If loans of money are free from taxation, the purchasing power of money in the same degree must diminish, which simply means that the purchasing power of farms and products of farms for money must to the same extent increase; hence, the borrower on bond and mortgage will not be subject to double taxation—first in the form of increased rate of interest, and then in taxation of his real estate; and hence, the farmer and land-owner who is not in the habit of either lending or borrowing money will find his ability to meet additional taxation on his land increased in additional value of land and products of land in proportion as the tax is removed from money at interest. Also, the exemption of the products of farms, and things consumed on farms, from taxation, will give a corresponding increased value as compensate for the "Building Occupancy tax." Tenants controlled by all-pervading natural laws, can, and will give increased rents, if their personal property is exempt primarily from taxation. The average profits of money at interest, or of dealing in visible personal property free from taxation, cannot exceed, for any considerable length of time, the average profits of real estate—risk of investment and skill in management taken into consideration; and, therefore, the real pressure of taxation under the proposed system will finally be, like atmospheric pressure, or pressure of water, on all sides, and by natural, uniform law, executed upon all property in every form used and consumed in the State. Persons must occupy buildings, and business must be done in buildings, and through these visible instrumentalities capital can be reached by a rule of practical uniformity, and by a simple, plain, and economical method of assessment and collection.

The adoption of the proposed new system would give to the State a uniform and equitable valuation and administration would greatly reduce the rate of taxation, promote a development and degree of material prosperity greater than could be obtained by any other one agency, and make the State truly the Empire State, and the City of New-York an attractive metropolitan residence for citizens from other States and nations—the financial centre and commercial entrepot of a continent of important, wealthy, and flourishing States and nations. Give us this freedom—freedom from multitudinous taxes like the present law imposes—freedom from obnoxious inquisitions, and espionages, and to the temptation the present law holds out to evasions, frauds, and concealments; for, gentlemen, there is no such encouragement to dishonesty, nothing which tends to demoralize a community faster, more rapidly, and more irretrievably than a false system of taxation, and then, freedom from these obnoxious offenses coming under this system of taxation which the Old World has discarded. Give us freedom for industry, for capital, and the people of the State and the country will give an overflowing treasury. Continue this oppressive system, and you have discontent, turpitude, demoralization every where—slothfulness and enterprise nowhere. [Applause.]

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Wells, and the meeting adjourned.

The Strikes—The Masons and the Fourth-Avenue Contractors.

During the coming week important developments in connection with the threatened strikes will probably take place. To-morrow night the masons hold their great meeting at Constitution Hall, and if sufficient unanimity has been attained among them, the strike for eight hours will be speedily inaugurated. With each day the carpenters grow more confident that an amicable arrangement will be entered into with the employers. Thus far mutual forbearance, good feeling, and an honest determination to reach, if possible, a peaceful termination of the dispute has characterized all the discussions that have taken place between the employers and the men. The stone-masons, while working indefatigably to compel peacefully and by force of public opinion the establishment of the eight-hour system on the Fourth-avenue improvement, have expressed some of their number to unwisely threaten violence against the imported men at present employed on that work. It is still necessary to keep a force of police near at hand to protect the workmen, and only last week some of the unionists, or men pretending to be unionists, told the ten-hour men that it would be well, when they came to work, to bring their coffins along. A contractor on the work said yesterday that he was given to understand a demonstration of violence would be made about the beginning of April, at which time it is proposed to add very largely to the present force. This intimation came in the form of a vague threat, and may be without any foundation. However, the contractors are determined to desist from their present course only when they are forced to. They claim that the job is what is known as a "scab" job, and that the quality of work required can be performed better and faster by inferior hands than by those accustomed to a better class of work. No meeting of the Employers' Association was held yesterday, and among the men, beyond the active organization continually in progress, no important movement was made.

Personal.

Congressman Alexander Mitchell, of Wisconsin, and Capt. W. D. Colt, of the United States Navy, are at the Hoffman House.

Judge Noyes, of Vermont; Hon. T. R. B. Eldridge, of Albany, and Hon. Townsend D. Cook, of Queens County, are at the Sturtevant House.

Col. Ingram, of Washington, D. C., is at the St. George Hotel.

Gen. B. B. Ford, of Florida, is at the Grand Central Hotel.

Major J. B. McGuinness, of the United States Army; Dr. W. N. Fleming, of Richmond, and A. C. Yates, of England, are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Ex-Mayor W. L. Putnam, of Portland, and Capt. W. H. Gilman, of the United States Navy, are at the Gilsey House.

Gen. Owen, of Philadelphia; Major Pigram, of New-Orleans; Prof. Patterson, of New-York, and E. A. Mann, of Albany, are at the Maison Dorée.

Dr. C. C. Gray, of the United States Army, is at the Astor House.

Senator Fenton, of Jamestown; Senator Smith M. Weed, of Plattsburg; Gen. A. B. Cornell, and Major L. L. Woodward, of the United States Army, and Gen. G. A. Sheridan, of New-Orleans, are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel.

Congressman E. P. Norton, of New-York; Gen. F. M. Drake, of Iowa, and Judge T. W. Bartley, of Washington, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

NEW-YORK AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

Prof. Etienne Lambert will deliver a free lecture on "How to Learn French Rapidly," tomorrow evening, at No. 1,262 Broadway.

The steam-ship *Weser*, from Bremen March 15 and Southampton March 18, reached this port yesterday, with mail news fresher by two days than that previously at hand.

The French Societies Union Fraternelle and Cercle Lyrique are making arrangements for a festival in aid of a fund for the establishment of an asylum for the infirm and aged poor of French nativity.

Charles Damm, a sailor on board the bark Talisman, was detected yesterday by the mate lowering two bags of coffee into a boat. The sailor was arrested, and Capt. Ferris soon afterward recovered the property and its receiver.

Last night two sneak-thieves entered the house of Mr. Mather, No. 213 East Eighteenth-street, but were frightened away before they had taken anything of value. They left behind a "jimmy," which is regarded as a trophy by Mr. Mather.

The monthly reception of Cooper Union Literary Class was held in the hall above the reading-room last evening. A variety of entertainment was provided for the guests, consisting of declamations, recitations, and interesting discussions by the members of the class.

The second of a series of lectures on "Sound and Hearing" was delivered last evening by Prof. Elsberg, of the New-York University, at the Cooper Institute. The special subject taken up, and which was thoroughly explained by the aid of several interesting experiments, was "Voice and Speech."

Col. J. Mansfield Davis delivered an address on cheap gas last evening in the District Court, Fourth-avenue and Forty-third-street. A resolution was passed requesting Hon. Charles Crary to introduce a bill authorizing the Legislature to buy and construct gas-works and furnish gas at cost.

A number of mercantile and banking clerks of this City have formed themselves into an organization for the purpose of building a number of model houses in the vicinity of New-York, suitable to their wants and means. They met last evening at Mohawk Hall, corner of Thirty-first-street and Sixth-avenue, Mr. George Bacon in the chair, and measures were taken to carry out the intention of the members. A committee was appointed to select a site.

Hon. David B. Mellish, Representative in Congress from the Ninth District, (Twentieth and Twenty-second Wards of this City,) has requested the Presidents of the Assembly District Republican Associations situated wholly or in part in the Congressional District, to recommend a candidate to Cadet Midshipman in the Navy of the United States in the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. Applications are to be made to Col. Joel W. Mason, Hons. Thomas C. Acton, Henry D. Lapaugh, and Joseph Cudlipp.

BROOKLYN.

During the week 367 arrests were made in Brooklyn.

Ball-playing will commence on the Capitoline Ground on Saturday next.

The Tax Collector received $71,315 for taxes and assessments during the week.

The stone for completing the Brooklyn tower of the bridge is all delivered, and excavations for the anchorage in James-street has been begun.

Patrick Reagan was committed by Justice Delmar, yesterday, to await the result of a brutal assault on his wife, Mary, at their house, No. 340 Hicks-street, on the 22d inst.

The bill for the division of the Twenty-first Ward into three wards was considered at a meeting of the Senate Committee on Cities at Senator Perry's office, yesterday afternoon. No decision was reached, but the general sentiment was favorable to the bill.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

Mr. Henry Boyd has been reappointed and confirmed Postmaster of White Plains.

It is understood that the masons in Morrisania and adjacent towns intend to strike on Monday next for a reduction of their daily labor to eight hours.

Rev. Mr. Carter, of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Hartsdale, has resigned charge of that church, having been appointed a missionary to Mexico.

The citizens of the town of Harrison will not tolerate the existence of a groggery in their midst; consequently they are free from rows and the expense of a lock-up.

Rev. J. Searle, of the Reformed Church of Peekskill, has accepted a call from the Calvary Presbyterian Church at Newburg, and will assume the duties of his new charge some time in April.

The members of Mosholu Division, No. 208, Sons of Temperance, of King's Bridge, will meet in their new hall on Tuesday evening. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. Mr. Stebbins and Rev. Dr. Wildes, Rector of Christ's Church, Riverdale.

Messrs. J. Q. Hoyt and Andrew McKirney, owners of the Staat Fowler Farm, have donated about half an acre of ground at the corner of Tuckahoe and Saw-mill River roads for the site of a church, to be known as the Second Reformed Church of Yonkers.

LONG ISLAND.

The committee appointed to go to Albany to petition the Legislature to postpone the time for holding the Long Island City Election, have accomplished the object of their mission, and the election will occur on the last Tuesday in April, instead of the first.

Wm. Mulford, Robt. Budds, and Geo. Allen were recently capsized while crossing the bay at Patchogue in a small sail-boat. They were rescued by the Life-saving Station boat, under command of Capt. David Nevins, assisted by Charles Slattery, Robert Bumstead, Smith Bumstead and Joshua Budds.

STATEN ISLAND.

Eleven schooners and seven square-rigged vessels were yesterday lying at anchor at the upper Quarantine grounds, storm-bound.

Large quantities of iron ore are now being shipped from Staten Island to different furnaces in New-Jersey and Pennsylvania. It is estimated that 60,000 tons will be shipped during the current season.

NEW-JERSEY.

The body of John Newman, the sportsman who has been missing from Elizabeth for a week past, has been found in Newark Bay, near the light-house.

The Democratic Convention of Hoboken met last night, and nominated Peter McGovisk for Mayor. The remaining city officers will be nominated on Tuesday night next.

Right Rev. Bishop Odenheimer will officiate at the Roseville Church, Newark, this afternoon, at 4 o'clock. He will also administer the rite of confirmation at the House of Prayer in the evening.

The Republicans of the Fourth District of Jersey City have nominated A. G. Bennett and Chris. Helms for Aldermen, and Henry Memken, Jacob Newkirk, and David J. Day, for chosen Freeholders.

Alexander Jacobus has been nominated on the Citizens' ticket in Kearny for Freeholder, and Henry Boam, Thomas M. Stewart, Samuel Smith, James Johnson, and H. H. Schuyler, for Town Committee.

The Spring course of lectures at the Stevens Institute, Hoboken, will open on the 8th of next month. President Henry Morton will be the first lecturer, and his subject, "Sunlight and its Source."

John Reynolds was killed yesterday. He was employed at the Bremen docks in hoisting coal. A horse on which he was riding being attached to a crane, the horse's feet becoming entangled in the rope, Reynolds was thrown to the ground, when the animal kicked him in the head, dashing out his brains.

Departures for Europe.

Per steam-ship City of Paris, for Liverpool.—Miss Josie Sunderland, Miss Carrie Sunderland and governess, Mrs. Horsey and two daughters, Col. T. A. Easton, wife and child, Rev. Father John O'Connor, Rev. Father Thomas O'Connor, Perry H. Smith, C. Yescomb, A. Nell, D. Hudson, T. Connolly, M. D. Carrigan, John Dewna, Father A. Dulman, R. Ludovici, A. Schiavoni, Fred. Foster, Ede Chuonun, A. Buck and wife, Mr. Blagne, Jas. W. Holcomb, John H. Holcomb, wife and child, P. Hickey, R. F. Murphy, John Masson, D. W. Reese, W. Avins, Thomas Hall, Miss M. A. Fitzgerald, Jos. Roberts, W. E. Lowe, Thomas H. Harrison, Jonathan Cordukes, Jas. A. Sheridan, R. I. Frechoville, Thomas Cretchlow, Ed. Gilmore, W. Phillips and wife, Jos. A. Kernan, Miss Mary A. Kernan.

Per steam-ship Rhein, for Bremen.—August Britten, Edward Wilden, Ad. Amend, D. Keller, Christ. Alex. Hasemeyer, D. Untermeyer, August Blumenthal, S. Snaman, Ernst Walther, Mrs. Z. Selling and 2 children, Felix Kahn, Louis Lehmann, Miss E. Ernst, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Oppenheimer, H. Wolff, M. Wolff, Mrs. Meckin and Mrs. F. C. Theopold, Master Walter Aug. Theobold, Master Herbert C. Theobold, R. W. Corbin, Carl Schierenberg, Francis H. Bawe, Carl Bozzler and wife, Chas. Dougherty, W. C. Hopton, Hermann Wendtsen, Gustav Vintschgau, J. Loerscher, Mrs. Helene Gunzer, Frans Weitinger, Louis Bertram, Peter Graeber, Phil. Diehl, Mrs. Phil. Diehl, Albert Rosenbaum, Peter Meyer, Henry Minnella, Frank Bold, Jacob Hoerr, Thomas Stewart, Mrs. Henriette Morris, Joseph Meyer, Johannes Wagner, Frank Loesch, David W. Burt, Elnathan A. Darling, Ferdinand Freitag, H. Sevecke, Gustav E. Thiehr, M. Cohn, L. Mueller, Louis M. Detaby, Henry Deametch, Mrs. Henry Desmeth and 3 children, L. Kantmann, Moses Frankenberger, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ulmann, Dr. Ignatz Langer, Mrs. Therese Hirschl and child, Miss Alice Hirschl, Miss Jessie Hirschl, Miss Georgia Hirschl, Miss Silvia Hirschl, Mrs. Angela Mage, Miss Anna Kappler.

Per steam-ship Victoria, for Glasgow.—B. Brittain, Dr. Foster, M. Lyon, Miss M. Lyon, T. W. Bickneil, W. Frange, F. Grinwold, H. G. Higgins, Dr. E. D. G. Smith, S. Stall, N. A. Bour, J. D. Pollard, S. Slee, Mrs. S. Slee, Miss L. Slee, Prof. Gregory, A. Gregory, Miss M. Gregory, Miss Mary Gregory, Rev. H. W. Collisson, Mrs. H. M. Collisson, T. R. Spence, C. A. Spence, Mrs. Spence, Miss E. Spence, Miss C. Spence, Miss Spence, G. Bolles, W. Tallman, Mrs. A. Barraclough, Mrs. R. Beebe, J. O. Hope, Mrs. J. O. Hope, Miss B. Hope, Prof. Beloe, J. G. Davidson, Prof. N. C. Rickers, R. Jackson, J. Hayden, W. C. Coxe, George W. Duncan, John C. Hope, Chas. F. Lyman, Mrs. Lyman, 2 children, and nurse, Wm. Powell, Miss Loughrey, John M. Neigles, Mrs. Theresa Neigles, Miss Amelia Bender, Mrs. Howe, family, and servant, John Dodds, Miss Louisa Cunningham, Louis Schlaser and wife, W. G. Phillips, Josia Brown, Miss J. L. Coyle, Miss C. F. Webb, Miss E. T. Ford, W. F. Wheeler, Mrs. Wheeler, Miss M. Wilson, W. Russell, Mrs. M. E. Wheeler, Mrs. Clarke, Frankin T. Ferguson, Mrs. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hester, J. Easton, R. Slee, J. Slee, J. Aitkin, J. Wardrop, J. Soyer, Mr. Fell, wife, and infant, E. Heylyn, Mrs. Heylyn, C. A. Young, Mrs. C. Young, J. Small, Mrs. Small, Miss Small, Miss Marion Smith, W. Clark and family, Miss A. Coyle, Miss E. Southwick.

Per steam-ship Cuba, for Liverpool.—P. Fachiri, Mrs. Fachiri, two children, two servants, C. Genari, Mrs. John W. Ellis, Miss Mary Ellis, Miss Ellen Ellis, A. E. Marsh, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. J. H. Smith, Miss Adele Smith, Miss Lydia Smith, Mrs. Dehlmann, Mrs. Samuel M. Cooley, Mrs. A. T. S. Emerson, Miss Hattie Cooley, Gilbert E. Emerson, Millard S. Conklin, Gilman Collamore, J. M. Gould, Julius Steininger, Mrs. Julius Steininger, maid, and infant, H. Hamburger, Mrs. H. H. Stronse, Miss M. Mountjoy, Miss Jennie Mohner, Mrs. P. P. Howe and child, Mrs. Newcomb, Wm. F. Smith, John Wilson, S. B. Wilson, George H. Sanderson, W. B. Wood, Hon. John H. McMurdy, Miss Fannie E. Bacon, Miss Julia Floyd, Miss Caroline Priddey, Mrs. W. J. Bacon, T. B. Kolhsher, A. Baar, Miss Rosenfeld, J. H. McKinley, Miss J. H. McKinley, Mrs. A. P. Santacroyer, J. G. Valentine, Brevet Brig.-Gen. Neill, Samuel Barlow, Wm. L. Eaton, J. Wurburger, J. G. Sibbald, Edward Soran, J. M. De Castro, Dr. Alfred Delany, Arthur Neil, R. J. Jordan, Moses Ellis, Mrs. F. H. Anderson, Miss Mamie Anderson, Miss Nellie Anderson, M. Platshek, Max Koenigsheim, L. A. Skinner, Mrs. Skinner, Miss A. M. Skinner, Miss L. Skinner, Miss Skinner, E. A. Hitchcock, Geo. W. Howe, Mrs. Howe, Mrs. D. W. Cross, Mr. Cross, Mrs. W. L. Whiting, Miss Elisabeth R. Whiting, Miss Helen Whiting, Mrs. F. P. Sanford, Mrs. A. T. Thayer, Miss A. Gilder, J. Y. West, Mrs. West and friend, G. N. Maynard, Mrs. Maynard, Miss Carre Maynard, Miss Ella A. Fisher, Master E. C. Egan, George McClosky, G. H. Price, Mrs. Price, Miss Price, Miss Price, Wm. T. Phippe, A. H. Gilman, Mrs. Gilman, Miss Gilman, Miss M. Gilman, Miss B. Gilman, Col. S. Sanderson, H. Lee, J. A. Faithful, George C. Kress, Miss Amelie Kress, Mrs. Alexander Mayer, Miss Mann, Mrs. J. W. Cook and child, Julius H. Streidinger, W. Mestre, S. Falk, James Slampalias, Dr. J. C. McKee, S. Weill, Abraham Blum, Edward S. Isham, Mrs. Pierpont Morgan, Miss Morgan, Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Corbett, Miss Pike, Rev. James Powell, Miss Powell, Miss E. H. Fyfe, Mrs. Fyfe, C. D. Phillips, Mrs. J. W. Lawrence, Miss Lawrence, Miss Fannie Allen, Mr. Abbot Lawrence.

Passengers Sailed.

In steam-ship Huntsville, for Savannah.—L. M. Jones, C. E. Clough, Dan. Hogan, John King, S. W. Stebbing and lady, Miss S. P. Gibbs, Michael Kane and lady, John Campbell, Miss D. Burns, Edward Donnelly, Thomas Fisher and lady.

In steam-ship San Salvador, for Savannah.—Chas. Langdon and wife, S. G. Arnold and wife, Miss Fanny Arnold, Miss M. Tuttle, Mrs. J. E. Tucker, Miss Josie Clark, Dr. A. T. Emery and wife, Miss Sarah Langford, Miss Rockefeller, Miss Cornelia Arnold, G. W. Travers, H. H. Buckbee and wife, Mrs. John Gelston, Chas. T. Roberts, Chas. P. Daffan, F. Cervesu.

Passengers Arrived.

In steam-ship City of Mexico, from Havana.—Miss Rose Chapman, E. Palerini, J. Durand, B. Fogarty, J. Hernandes, Capt. Oscar Smith, J.